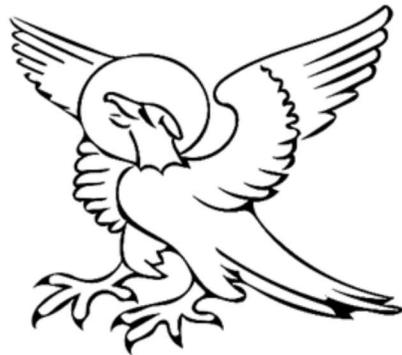


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***First Sunday
in Lent***

Feb 22nd, 2026

Sung Eucharist ~ **10 am**

Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.



This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.



Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.

Today's service can be found on page 185 of the green Book of Alternative Services (BAS) located in the pew-back in front of you.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude – “Pastorale” (Rossini)

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn

606 – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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Trisagion (*said*) X3

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 32 (*responsive*)

REFRAIN O Lord, you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! – **R**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. – **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. – **R**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. – **R**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." – **R**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. – **R**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned

sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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Prayers of the People

***All:** Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for our diocese, that we may receive a faithful servant, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Confession and Absolution
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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn
High

628 – *"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How*

Anthem

428 – *"God, Who Gives to Life its Goodness"*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.

We ask this in his name.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sursum Corda (*sung*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (*sung*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

Anamnesis (*sung*)

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command.

**All: We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not, into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

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Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
 light in the midst of us,
 bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*(sung)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.

Communion

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Hymns during Communion

66 – *"And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love"*

629 – *"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"*

85 – *"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"*

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
in this holy bread
you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

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The Blessing

May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Recessional Hymn – 631 – *"The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy"*

Dismissal

Postlude – *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* (Johnson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray K7A – We will be holding our meeting at Independent Assemblies of God fellowship, 54 William Street West, Smiths Falls, ***this evening at 7.00pm***. Please join us as we pray together for Smiths Falls and the surrounding area.

Food Insecurity – Food insecurity is at an all-time high in Smiths Falls, impacting 25% of our community. As a parish-wide, Lenten fast, we'd like to make a collective offering to the Smiths Falls Foodbank. Each parishioner is invited to make a donation of any amount and/or commit to offering prayers of support for those in need and for the success of programs providing assistance. Both options are wonderful gifts of sacrifice for Lent.

"Our Lenten Fast" envelopes will be provided at the north entrance and the back of the church throughout Lent. Please return your envelope with cash, cheque or prayer commitment directly to Karen Bryan or Trish Warren. (The Foodbank will provide receipts for donations of \$20 or more.). Please consider participating. This Lenten season, we have the opportunity to make a difference--to genuinely feed the hungry. For further information, please speak with Trish or Karen.

NOTICE – On ***February 28th*** an Electoral Synod will take place and the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa will be chosen. Information on the process and the candidates is available on the diocesan website at : <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/episcopal-elections-2026>. Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer, Brenda Ferguson, and Lois Arkell are the electors from St. John's. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the election, feel free to reach out to them.

Annual Vestry Meeting – Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on ***March 1st, 2026***, following the 10.00am service.

Parish Administration – Vestry – Pat Lee, Dan Willis and Lois Arkell are accepting nominations for Parish Council, Synod and the Deputy People's Warden positions. Elections will take place at the Vestry meeting on ***March 1st, 2026***, following the 10.00am service.

St. John's Cemetery Board – Our Cemetery Board could use your help. Please consider joining in the management and oversight of our lovely and peaceful place of rest for our dearly departed. Please see Dan Willis, Pat Lee or Lois Arkell if you are interested.

BBBS Lanark County Bowling Fundraiser – The Holy Terriers are ready to raise money and bowl for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County 2026. Sign up sheets for bowlers and pledge sheets are at each of the entrances to the church. If you would like to raise pledges yourself, please talk to Terry Dillabough or call the office to get a pledge sheet. Bowling to take place in the afternoon of Saturday February 28th 2026, at Gratton Lanes, conveniently located at the Chambers Street Shopping Centre.

Interested in Cursillo?

Cursillo is a short retreat which is designed to help us grow our faith and relationship with the Lord. This weekend event includes inspiring talks, wonderful music and concentrated prayer time – all around a chosen theme for the weekend.

This **April 24th to 26th**, there will be a Women's Cursillo Weekend being held at the Galilee Centre in Arnprior. If you might be interested or have any questions, please connect with Trish Warren 613.206.1405 or Kathy Porter 613.283.7605.

2025 Tax receipts and 2026 Offering Envelopes – These are currently available at the back of the church, sorted alphabetically. If you are unable to find what you are looking for, please contact Tammy Mulrooney, Envelope Secretary. Thank you.

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Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Communion Assistant: Chris Elmsley*
Reader/Intercessor: Donna Howard
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, Mar 1, 2026 ~
GEN 12:1-4A; PS 121; ROM 4:1-5,13-17; JN 3:1-17

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.

*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

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