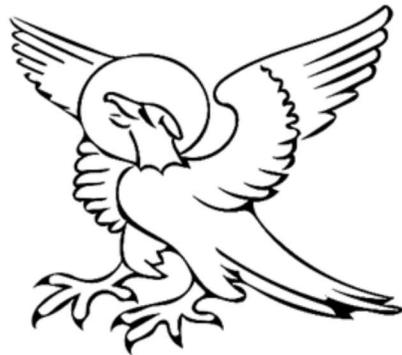


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Second Sunday
in Lent***

Mar 1st, 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 – *"God So Loved the World"* (Stainer)

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 121 (*responsive*)

REFRAIN The Lord himself watches over you.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. – **R**

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; – **R**

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. –
R

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. R. – R

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-

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What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

John 3:1-17

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life".

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life".

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him".

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Anthem

"Dear Weaver of our Lives' Design"

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Prayers of the People

***All:** Almighty God, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give grace to your servant who has been called to the office and ministry of Bishop for your people in our Diocese; fill them with the truth of your doctrine and holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve you, to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn
Sent

176 – *"By the Holy Spirit*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom,
may the light of the eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
guide us to your glory.
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 thy name.
thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread 7

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Celebrant: We break the bread,

All: Communion in Crist's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

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

49 – *"Draw Near and Take"*

67 – *"God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living"*

65 – *"Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread"*

Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Doxology

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Recessional Hymn –

602 – “Lift High the

Cross”

Postlude –

“Voluntary VII” (Stanley)

The Blessing and Dismissal will follow the Vestry meeting

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.

****REMINDER****

Daylight savings is this coming weekend. Please remember to put your clocks an hour forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Vestry Meeting – Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place **this morning**, following the 10.00am service.

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.

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 Paul Howard or Nancy Fleming if you are interested.

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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Reader/Intercessor:
Greeters: Gail Brennan & Linda Coleman
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, Mar 8, 2026 ~
EX 17:1-7; PS 95; ROM 5:1-11; JN 4:5-42

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