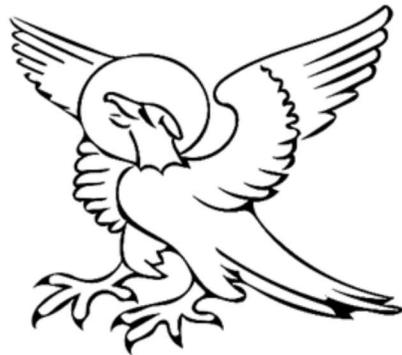


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Third Sunday
in Lent***

Mar 8th, 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.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,
may we always thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 95 (*responsive*)

REFRAIN Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice: harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. – **R**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. – **R**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that to-day you would hearken to his voice! – **R**

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me. They put me to the test, though they had seen my works. – **R**

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways." So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest." – **R**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4:5-42

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about

noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with

her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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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, The Venerable Kathryn Otley, 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.*

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn *Soul"*

533 – *"Jesus, Lover of My*

Anthem

"Come My Way, My Truth, My Life"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Spring of life and Source of Goodness
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to the living water,

Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

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

70 – *"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"*

79 – *"To You, O Kindly Jesus Christ"*

74 – *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*

Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
we have found the living water.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forth on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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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 –
Is”

520 – “The King of Love My Shepherd

Dismissal

Postlude –

“Pi’s Lullaby” (Danna)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Memorial Flowers – If you wish to remember loved ones with memorial flowers this Easter, please contact the Parish Office with the names of the people you wish remembered. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Please make cheques payable to St. John's – Easter Memorial Flowers. The deadline is **Tuesday, March 24th, 2026**.

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.

Smiths Falls Food Bank – Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. Please consider making a contribution, which will be collected after the third Sunday of each month, and delivered to the Food Bank. Please contact Deb Lewis for more info at 613.284.6111. Thank you for your support.

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.

Do Your Bit – Greeters, Readers/Intercessors, Servers, and Communion Assistants are needed for both the 8am and 10am Sunday services, as well as other special services that we hold throughout the year.

If you are able to help out with this vital and rewarding ministry, please let the office know. We will provide training on **Saturday, April 25th, 2026**, to go through the responsibilities involved.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Communion Assistant: Kevin Lewis*/
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, Mar 15, 2026 ~
1 SAM 16:1-13; PS 23; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41

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Thursday 1 – 4 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

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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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