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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Fifth Sunday  
in Lent***

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**

# 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** – *"Melody in G Major" (Guillmant)*

**Announcements**

**Processional (Opening) Hymn** 215 – *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

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**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
your Son came into the world  
to free us all from sin and death.  
Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## First Reading

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader:     The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130** (*responsive*)

**REFRAIN The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. – **R**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could  
stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. – **R**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning. – **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins. – **R**

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 11:1-45**

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.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the

light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See

how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Anthem**

*"Dem Bones"*

**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** *God"*

**40 – "O Spirit of the Living**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Giver of life,  
your Son has destroyed the power of death  
for all those who believe in him.  
Accept all we offer you this day  
and strengthen us in faith and hope;

through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living.

**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 Christ'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**

**611** – *"Our Father, We Have Wandered"*

**615** – *"Just As I Am"*

**52** – *"O God, Unseen But Ever Near"*

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of hope,  
in this eucharist we have tasted the promise  
of your heavenly banquet  
and the richness of eternal life.  
May we who bear witness to the death of your Son,  
also proclaim the glory of his resurrection,  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**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 – 564 – “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude – “Psalm XVIII” (Corelli)**

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule:**

29 March	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>	10 am—Liturgy of the Palms service begins in the Hall
30 March	<b>Holy Monday</b>	7.30pm—Half hour devotional service
31 March	<b>Holy Tuesday</b>	7.30pm—Half hour devotional service
1 April	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>	7.30pm—Half hour devotional service
2 April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.30pm—Washing of Feet begins in the Hall. Stripping of the Altar continues in the Church.
3 April	<b>Good Friday</b>	10am—Solemnity of the Lord's Passion
		12pm—Ecumenical walk of the cross beginning at St. Francis De Salles Church
4 April	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	7.30pm — Easter Vigil hosted by St. James' Carleton Place
5 April	<b>Resurrection (Easter) Sunday</b>	8am and 10am services as usual

You are all invited and highly encouraged to participate as much as you are able during Holy Week. It is a chance to journey with Our Lord to the cross, as disciples, as friends. Of chief importance are the three services on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Together, these form what the ancient Church called "The Triduum," the three days which together made up a single act of worship, moving from the upper room, through Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus, through his crucifixion on the Cross and burial in the tomb, to his glorious resurrection on the third day.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

**To the Men of the Church!** – On **March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6pm**, we will be hosting our friends at Evergreen Bible Chapel who will be leading a *Men's Hymn and Worship Night*. This is an evening for Christian men in Smiths Falls to come together, get to know each other, and share faith and life. There will be refreshments served afterward.

**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.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, to go through the responsibilities involved.

**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.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Communion Assistant: Chris Elmsley\*/  
Reader/Intercessor: Donna Howard  
Greeters: Ron Watt & Doreen Watt  
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk  
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl

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Thursday 1 – 4 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

### **Weekly Liturgies**

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.\* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.  
\*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Brauer, Presiding Celebrant & Preacher  
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