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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Apr 26th, 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 – “Sheep May Safely Graze” (Bach)

Announcements

**Processional
(Opening) Hymn**
620 – “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

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The Gloria

Sung as printed here.

PRAISE
365 Glory to God on High

1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, our heaven - ly King.
the sac - ri - fi - cial Lamb, who saves the world from sin.
You on - ly are the ho - ly one, Lord Je - sus Christ.

We give you praise, al - might - y God and
have mer - cy Lord. Be - side the Fa - ther's
And now you reign with Fa - ther and with

Fa - ther blessed in glo - ry bright.
hand en - throned, now hear our prayer.
Spir - it one in glo - rious light.

Collect of the Day

O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 –
Shepherd

519 – "The Lord's My

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah! See the day of God ap - pear!

Vs 4

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
On the third morn he rose again,
Glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain:

Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John10:1-10

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Anthem –

"He Came Singing Love"

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 *Splendour"*

84 – "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd.
Amen.

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 to the tune of Skye Boat Song*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.
Glory to You our God.

Blessed is He, Blessed are We, Blessed are all who come.
Hosannas ring, Archangels sing, Blessed are all who come.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.
Glory to You our God.

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 in Heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as in Heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours;
Now and forever.
Amen.

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Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

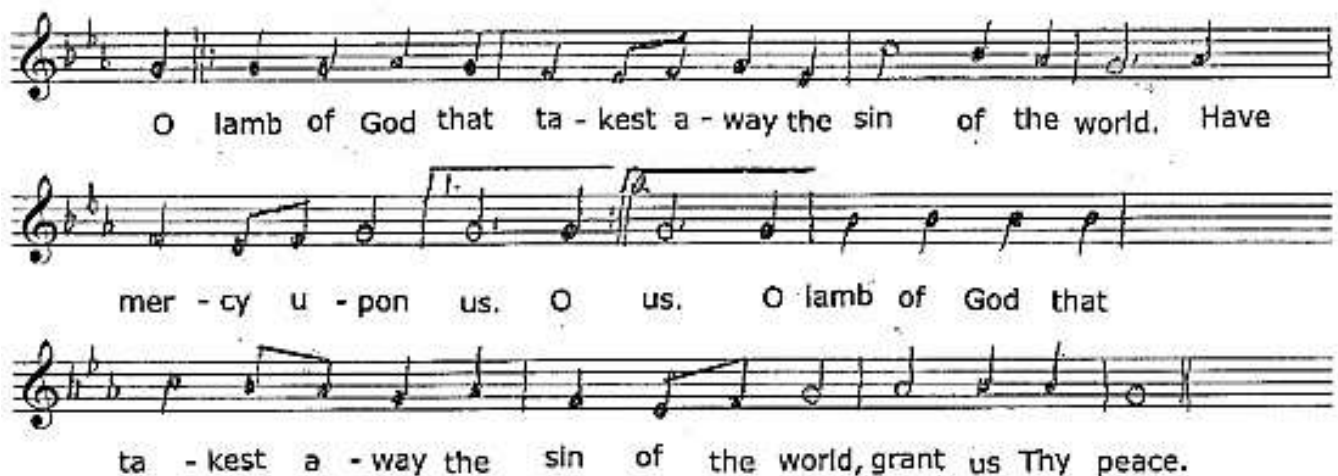
All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *Sung as printed here.*



O lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, Have
mer - cy u - pon us. O us. O lamb of God that
ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy 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

521 – *"Dear Shepherd of Your People Hear"*

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

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

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Recessional Hymn –

520 – *"The King of Love My Shepherd*

Is"

Dismissal

Postlude –

"Now the Green Blade Rises" (arr.

Young)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of Special Vestry Meeting – A special vestry meeting will held this morning, ***Sunday, April 26th, following the 10am service.*** At this meeting, voting will take place on the contract for the demolition of the Lower Hall. This meeting will be dependant on the receipt of viable bids in response to the request for proposals.

Pray K7A – The Pray K7A meeting will be held this evening, ***Sunday, April 26th, at 7.00pm,*** gathering at the Free Methodist Church (573 County Rd 29). All are welcome to join us as we pray together for Smiths Falls and the surrounding area.

Games Night – The next Games Night will be held on ***Friday, May 1st, 2026, at 5.30pm.*** Dinner will be provided and followed by various games and a craft. Join us for a fun-filled evening! Donations are always welcome.

Special Invitation: We are all invited to attend the ordination and consecration of The Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley as the Eleventh Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, taking place at Christ Church Cathedral on ***Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at 10:30 AM.*** A festive reception to follow. Livestream available at <https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchCathedralOttawa/streams>. Please see the formal invitation on the bulletin boards.

Our Lenten Fast (project) of praying for and donating funds to the Smiths Falls Community Foodbank was well supported by the congregation. Thanks to everyone who participated. We raised **\$3,140** as our offering. *Receipts for \$20 or more are available at the back of the church.*

The Foodbank and those that are hungry in our town were prayed for. Our efforts allowed us to do as Jesus would want us do—feed the hungry.

Over→

The Great Spring Sing! - Will take place on ***Sunday, June 7th***, at 1.30pm. Enjoy an afternoon of joyful sound presented by musicians from several local churches and two community groups. A reception will follow this no-charge celebration. Be prepared to listen and sing.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Communion Assistant: Kevin Lewis*/Kathy Porter
Reader/Intercessor: Andrew Howard
Greeters: Faye Moore & Linda MacLaren
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, May 3, 2026 ~
ACTS 7:55-60; PS 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 PET 2:2-10; JN 14:1-14

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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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