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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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## ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

May 3, 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 - "Nimrod"**  
(Elgar)

**Announcements**

**Processional  
(Opening) Hymn**  
567 - "Eternal Father,  
Strong to Save"

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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**

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 31: 1-5** (*sung*)

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Save me from shame, my refuge, Lord,  
In righteousness deliver me;  
Incline your ear, O Lord, I pray,  
Make haste to help me, set me free.

Be my strong rock; you are my crag,  
My stronghold, castle none can take;  
Lead me, O Lord, along straight paths  
And guide me for your own Name's sake.

Release me from the secret snare;  
You are my tower of strength and might;  
I trust my spirit to your hands,  
Redeemer, God of truth and might.

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into

his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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!

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

**John14:1-14**

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, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

## **Sermon**

## **Anthem –**

***"When Our Song Says Peace" (Leach)***

## 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 *Light*

572 – “*Let There Be*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,  
you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 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.

## Breaking of the Bread 8

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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

**35** – *"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"*

**72** – *"Bread of Heaven, o Thee We Feed"*

**SJS – 61** – *"Here I Am, Lord"*

## Prayer after Communion

God of love,  
in this eucharist we have heard your truth  
and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 –

**486** – *"Love Divine, All Loves*

*Excelling"*

Over →

**Dismissal**

**Postlude –**

*(Smith)*

***"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"***

*The flowers on the altar today are to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for prayers answered and healing received. – Candy & Phil Barber*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**The Great Spring Sing!** - Will take place on ***Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>***, 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 Assistants: William Mackay/Kathy Porter  
Reader/Intercessor: Karen Bryan/Pat Lee  
Greeters: Beryl Young & Carl Young  
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell  
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl  
Readings for next Sunday, May 10, 2026 ~  
ACTS 17:22-31; PS 66:7-18; 1 PET 3:13-22; JN 14:15-21

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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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