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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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## ***Ascension Sunday***

May 17<sup>th</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**

**Announcements**

**Processional  
(Opening) Hymn**

**309 – "Praise the Lord  
with the Sound of  
Trumpets" Please sing  
Verses 1 and 2, and then  
1 again**

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**Children's Talk**

**Collect for Purity,  
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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 ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord.  
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of his peace,  
and bring the whole of creation  
to worship at his feet,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart, oh let the Ancient words impart.*

*Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us Home.*

*Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts, oh let the Ancient words impart.*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**Daniel 7:9-14**

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 24:7-10** (*responsive*)

***REFRAIN: God has gone up with a shout.***

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in. – **R**  
Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle. – **R**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in. – **R**

Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory. – **R**

## **Second Reading**

## **Ephesians 1: 15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

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## **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 24:44-53**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

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## **Sermon**

### **Hymn – "The God We Love" (sung version of the *Nicene Creed*)**

We believe in one God, the  
Father,  
The Almighty, the Maker of all.  
The One who rules the seen and  
unseen.

We believe , and we adore.  
Jesus Christ, one Lord of  
creation  
From the Father, begotten not  
made.

He is the Light from Light  
eternal  
And the God of every age.

For this world and for our  
salvation  
He came down from the  
heavens above,

Born of a virgin and the Spirit,  
Truly man and truly God.  
He was crucified under Pilate,  
Suffered death and was laid in  
the grave  
And in accordance with the  
scriptures.  
On the third He rose again.

**Bridge:** And Christ has made  
His ascent  
Into the heavens above  
Where He sits at the Father's  
right hand now.  
But He will come back again  
And He will judge in truth.  
The Holy Spirit has come,

Voice of the prophets of God  
Sent to us, He has given us new  
life.

Forgiven, now and baptized  
One holy church, we rise, we  
rise.

Now we wait to be resurrected  
And we look for the world  
without end.

This is our creed, our faith, our  
anthem.

This is the God we love.

This is the God we love.

**Chorus:** All glory to the Father  
now.

All honour to the Son.

And praise the Spirit, now and  
always.

This is the God we love. (X2)

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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*

**SJS 79** – *"It Is Well With My*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ  
has promised to be with us until the end of time.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and renew us in his transfigured life;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer 3

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### **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.

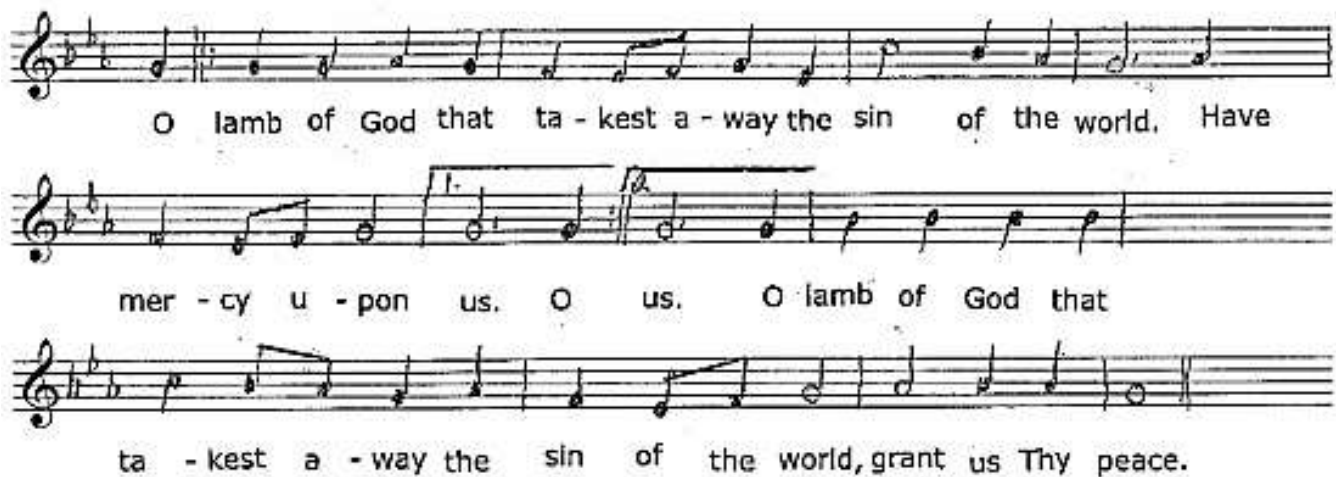
**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

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 – *Beginnings (insert)*

**"O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer"**

**"His Glory and My Good"**

**"Glorify Thy Name"**

## Prayer after Communion

Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.  
Confirm us in this mission,  
and help us live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Doxology

## The Blessing



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Report on Special Vestry** – On April 26<sup>th</sup> the congregation of St John's came together at a Special Vestry and passed the following motion: That, based on the recommendation of the Parish Corporation, Vestry accept the bid of Inflector Environmental Services as submitted on 26 April 2026 at a value of \$139,450.00, with approval for contingency spending up to an additional 30%; and that, with necessary approvals as laid out in our Diocesan CBR's (including that of our Diocesan Property and Finance Committee), Corporation is charged to contract Inflector Environmental Services for demolition and abatement of our Lower Hall.

What this means, in plain language, is that we will take the bid from Inflector Environmental Services forward to the Diocese to request that we can withdraw up to \$139,450.00 + 30% if needed, from our CTF to pay for the demolition required in the Lower Hall to remove all mould, asbestos, lead and other designated substances. Of note, for those who recall the 'ball park' estimate of less than \$600,000 for this project, we can see that even with every effort for fiscal prudence, the final price tag will likely exceed that expectation.

Once we have diocesan approval and if all goes as planned, the work will commence before the end of May. Parking in the lot will be reduced due to the placement of collection bins. The Church and Upper Hall will remain functional through this process as they will be sealed off from the work area.

**Chancel Flooring Update** – It is time to decide which type of flooring we would like for our chancel flooring. The choice of carpet was very clear, with the colour '*Claret*' the clear winner. We now need to choose between tile and hardwood for the areas shown on the insert. **Please have a look at the enclosed insert**, and next Sunday, the 24th, you will be able to vote for your choice.

**Restrictions for use of back parking lot** – Our parking lot is about to become considerably smaller. For the foreseeable future, only those with

mobility issues will have access to the back parking lot for the 10 AM service. Thank you for your consideration and kindness ensuring that those who need that access will have it.

**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.

**Pray K7A** – Our next meeting will be held on ***Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 7pm***, hosted by **Bethel Pentecostal Church, 301 County Rd 29**. Join us for an evening of fellowship, as we pray God’s blessing, healing, forgiveness, and the joy of the Gospel on Smiths Falls and the surrounding areas.

**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 Assistant: Karen Bryan

Server: Chris Elmsley

Reader/Intercessor: Andrew Howard

Greeters: Gail Brennan & Linda Coleman

Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk

Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl

Readings for next Sunday, May 24, 2026 ~

ACTS 2:1-21; PS 104:24-35, 37; 1 COR 12:3b-13; JN 20:19-23

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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 Right Reverend Kathryn Otley – Bishop of Ottawa

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Brauer, Presiding Celebrant & Preacher  
The Reverend Canon Brian Burrows – Honorary Assistant  
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