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# ST. JOHN

## THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**

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***Third Sunday***  
***after Pentecost***

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# 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

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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,  
without you we are not able to please you.  
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

### **Genesis 18:1-15**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I

have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 116:10-17**

*(Tune St.*

*Flavian)*

How shall I now repay the Lord  
For all his gifts to me?  
I will lift up salvation's cup  
And call on him in need.

Before the people God has called  
My vows will be made right;  
The death of those who serve the  
Lord  
Is precious in his sight.

I am your handmaid's child, O  
Lord,  
Your servant all my days;  
I will call on your Name and bring  
The sacrifice of praise.

Before the people God has called  
I will fulfill my vows,  
Within your walls, Jerusalem,  
And in the Lord's own house.

## Second Reading

## Romans 5:1-8

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28 by Owen Alstott, OCP, 1990.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Go and teach all na-tions, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

## Holy Gospel

## Matthew 9:35-10:8

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Gospeller:    The Gospel of Christ

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

**Sermon**

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*People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

**Offertory Hymn**  
*Life*

**592** – *"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of reconciliation and forgiveness,  
the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you.  
May that work grow toward its perfection  
in all we offer you this day.  
We ask this in his name.  
**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.

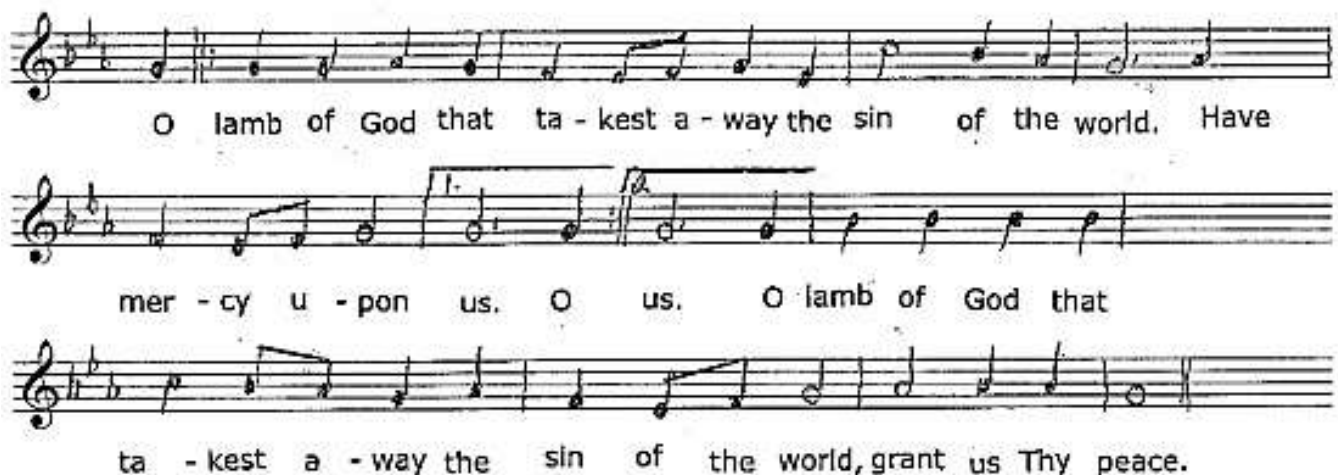
## Breaking of the Bread 3

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Celebrant: Creator of all,  
you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

## 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:

**30 – "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

**44 – "Freely, Freely"**

**107 – "My God Loves Me"**

## Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God,  
as you give us the body and blood of your Son,  
guide us with your Holy Spirit,  
that we may honour you not only with our lips  
but also in our lives.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Doxology

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## The Blessing

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all people, all creatures, for ever and ever. And the Blessing of God the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and keep you now and always.

**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn –

**423 – "How Great Thou**

**Art"**

# Dismissal

A parting note from Wendy Stokes-Earl:

***To the Congregation and Senior Choir of St. John The Evangelist Anglican Church:***

Thank you all so very much for your kind words, well wishes, and your truly thoughtful and generous gifts. You successfully identified my favourite restaurant, my favourite coffee shop, and even my favourite sherry. You are indeed an impressive group. As I reflect on our time together, it is clear to me that we shared many new and different things ... Christmas Eve leaps to mind. How many churches in Smiths Falls can say they have been visited by the Grinch? Please know that I really appreciated the fact that you seemed to enjoy everything I played - no matter how "out of the ordinary" it was.

***To my "Wonder-full" Children's Choir:***

You worked very hard to learn your Jonah song and you worked equally hard to prepare your amazingly beautiful and creative Goodbye cards. You may remember that I began taking piano lessons when I was just 4 years old. At that moment, my mother started keeping a scrap book of my performances and competitions. I still have that book! And, ALL of your wonderful cards are going into my book, so they will always remind me of what a special group you are. I thank each of you so much; I will miss you all.

Wendy Stokes-Earl  
Organist

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Chancel Update:** Work will begin on **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, to create a level floor in the chancel and lower the altar to a single raised platform. This is expected to take approximately 2 weeks. During this time the old organ will be removed and the new organ will be installed shortly afterward. The new flooring, solid prefinished hardwood and carpet (claret), will take approximately 6 weeks from order to come in, so we will tread on subflooring until installation is complete. A bin will be in place in the parking lot to hold the waste created during the demolition and remodelling.

**Outdoor Service – St. John the Evangelist’s front lawn, Hall side – Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10am** – We are hosting an outdoor worship service & BBQ on the lawn in front of St. John’s Hall. The service will start at 10am and will be followed by a community BBQ. Bring your friends, and a chair and let's come together to praise the Lord in the great outdoors! If anyone is available to sign up to help, we are looking for folks who can help to set up, and for MORE people to help with putting away and cleaning up. Please sign up if you can help. A sign-up list will be included at the back of the church, and at the North door.

**For Sunday School families: Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, will be our last formal Sunday School session of the year. It would be wonderful to have as large a crowd that day as we can. We will also be saying thank you to Joshua, Nancy, Cheryl, and Jessica for all their work and help throughout the year. Sundays in the summer, the colouring station will stay available for everyone in the church to use, and we will hope to provide some activity kits for the kids as well. Have a safe and happy summer!

**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.

**Hall Basement:** Work was to begin **June 8<sup>th</sup>**, but has been delayed. We expect a start date in the near future. A separate, large self-contained bin will be placed in the parking lot to contain all materials removed from the basement. The basement will be sealed off from the upper level and no access allowed. Air quality will be maintained and verified throughout the work, including final third-party clearance testing upon completion. This job is expected to take 7 to 8 weeks to complete.

**Baptisms!** This summer, we have two baptisms scheduled. On Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone in your family is hoping to be baptised, and one of those two dates can work for them, please have them contact Thomas **before** Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**St. John's Summer Potluck** – Join our church family on **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm** in the Upper Hall for an evening of food, fellowship, and summer fun! Bring a favourite dish to share and come ready to catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and enjoy a relaxed evening together. Better yet, invite a friend to join the fun—there's always room at the table! If the weather is nice, we'll have lawn games set up outside and we'll have table games indoors. We could use a few helping hands for setup, decorating, coordination, and cleanup. Contact Laura Porter if you'd like to help. Questions? Chat with Laura Porter or Brenda Ferguson. Come hungry. Leave encouraged. Bring a friend!

**Note:** Please bring any serving utensils your dish might need, as our kitchen is **not** fully equipped at the moment.

**Calling all Piano Players!** The music ministry committee would like to invite all piano players in the congregation to join the music team for the summer! While we are looking for a new organist, we want to

give our own talented folks a chance to support and lead worship. If you'd like to play our wonderful baby grand, whether its as little as one song or hymn on a Sunday, or as much as a whole service, you are welcome! Please contact Thomas, Karen Bryan, or Trish Warren for more information.

**Pray K7A** – Our next meeting will be held on ***Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7pm***, hosted by **St. John the Evangelist, 2 George Street South**. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, as we pray for God's blessing, healing, forgiveness, and the joy of the Gospel on Smiths Falls and the surrounding areas.

**Spiritual Care for the Caregiver:** This July, join us for four weeks to grow in your understanding and skills with prayer. "Spiritual Care for the Caregiver" is a 4-week series to grow in our capacity and flexibility in prayer. Initially designed for those who carry a heavy burden of care for other people in their lives, this series is just as helpful for those who simply want to grow in their ability and effectiveness in prayer and spiritual care. There will be daytime and evening sessions: 4 Tuesdays at 5.30pm (bring an after-work snack or bagged dinner!) starting July 7<sup>th</sup>; **or** 4 Wednesdays at noon (bring a bag lunch!) starting July 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Church Hall.

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Greeters: Laura Porter & Kathy Porter  
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman  
Communion Assistant: Chris Elmsley  
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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am\* – Wednesdays 10am

\*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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