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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**

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***Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost***

July 5th, 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

During the summer months, children are welcome to use our colouring tables or they can play in the Hall if SUPERVISED by their family.

Announcements

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(Opening) Hymn –
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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 has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the

camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 45:11-18 (*responsive*)

REFRAIN: Nations shall praise you for ever.

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore do him honour.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour." – R

All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold. In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the palace of the king. – R

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever." – R

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" (see insert)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of heaven and earth,
receive our sacrifice of praise,
and strengthen us
for the perfect freedom of your service,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.

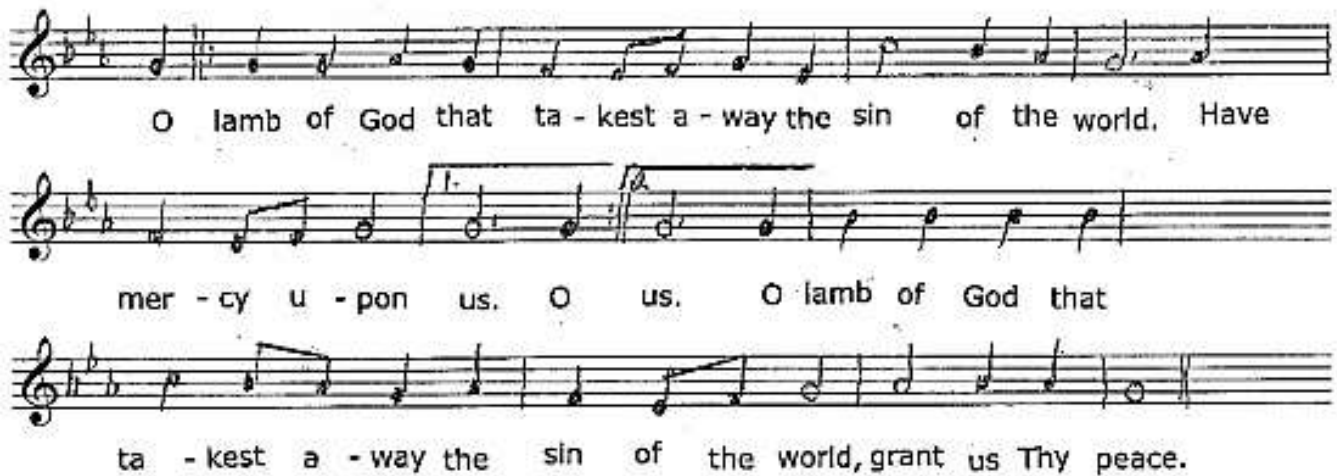
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Celebrant: Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**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:

Instrumental – performed by Laura Porter and Terry Dillabough

354 – "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

615 – "Just As I Am"

Prayer after Communion

O God,
may we who have shared in holy things
never fail to serve you in your world,
and so come to the fullness of joy,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

46 – “Glorify Thy

Name”

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a funeral service on **Monday, July 6th, at 1.00pm** for Eric K. Cavanaugh, in the St. James Chapel at St. John the Evangelist Church. All who may have known him or wishing to support George Graves and his family, are welcome.

Restrictions for use of Back Parking Lot – 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.

Baptisms! This summer, we have two baptisms scheduled: One on **Sunday, July 19th**, and the other on **Sunday, August 2nd**.

Chancel Update: Work continues in the church to create a level floor in the chancel and lower the altar to a single raised platform. We have had the old organ removed and the new organ installed. The new flooring, solid prefinished hardwood and carpet (claret), is on order, so we will tread on subflooring until installation is complete. A bin is in place in the parking lot to hold the waste created during the demolition and remodelling. Sorry for the disruption.

Hall Basement: Work commenced **June 15th**. Parking in the back lot will continue to be limited due to the presence of a large self-contained bin in the parking lot. 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 most of the summer to complete.

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.

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 7th; **or** 4 Wednesdays at noon (bring a bag lunch!) starting July 8th, in the Church Hall.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Greeters: Faye Moore & Linda MacLaren
Reader/Intercessor: Donna Howard
Communion Assistant: Karen Bryan
Server: William Mackay
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, July 12, 2026 ~
GEN 25:19-34; PS 119:105-112; ROM 8:1-11; MT 13:1-9, 18-23

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am* – Wednesdays 10am

*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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