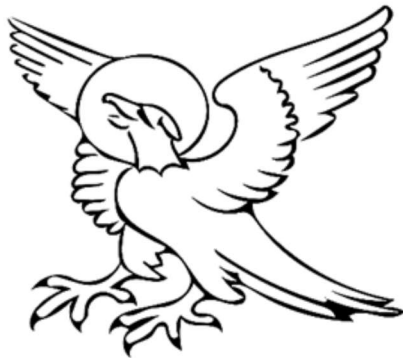


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10am

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July 12th, 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

Processional (Opening) Hymn:

442 – "Great God, Your Love Has Called"

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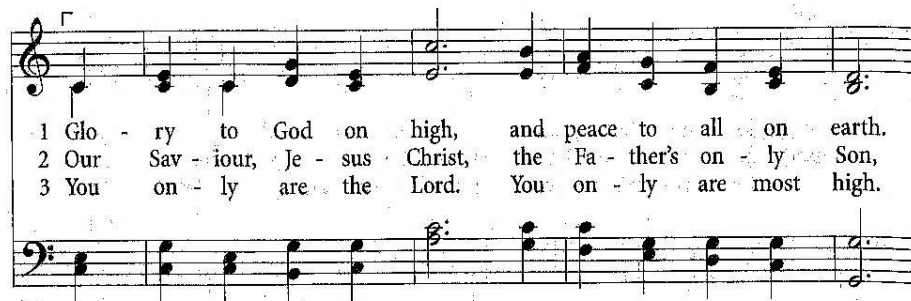
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The Gloria

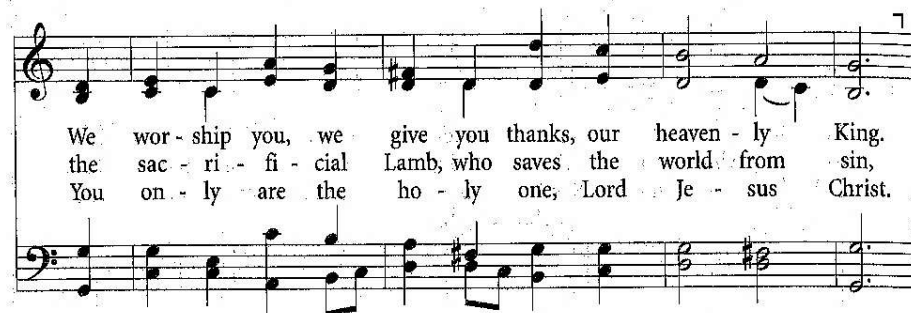
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PRAISE

365 Glory to God on High



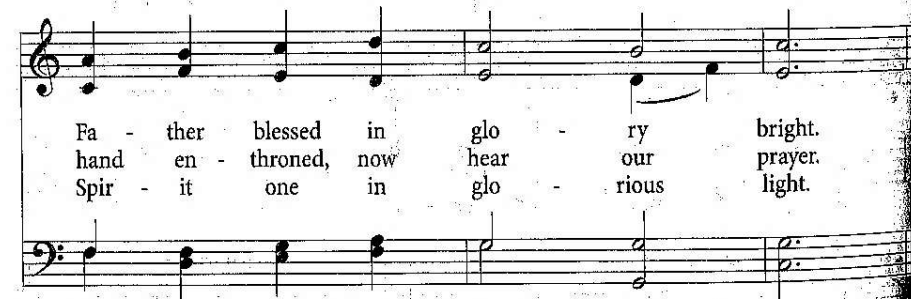
1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.



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,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff,

for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:105-112 (*responsive*)

REFRAIN: Your word is a light upon my path.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgements.

– **R**

I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgements. – **R**

My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments. – **R**

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes for ever and to the end.
– **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was

sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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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 *Earth"*

502 – "You Are Salt for the

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Father,
your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.
Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ the 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 1

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Celebrant: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a first ending bracket over the last two measures. The third staff continues the melody.

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:

56 – "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

169 – "We Gather Here In Jesus' Name"

161 – "There Is A Redeemer"

Prayer after Communion

Living God,
in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

649 – "Breathe on Me, Breath of

God"

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Coverage: Please note that although Laura Savage will be out of the office from ***Monday, July 20th and returning Tuesday, August 4th***, there will be coverage during her absence.

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.

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 next Sunday, ***July 19th*** and the other, ***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 our 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: Laura Porter & Kathy Porter
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman
Communion Assistant: Ethan Stone
Server: Kevin Lewis
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, July 19, 2026 ~
GEN 28:10-19a; PS 139:1-11, 22-23; ROM 8:12-25; MT 13:24-30, 36-43

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Friday 9am – 12 noon

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am* – Wednesdays 10am
*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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