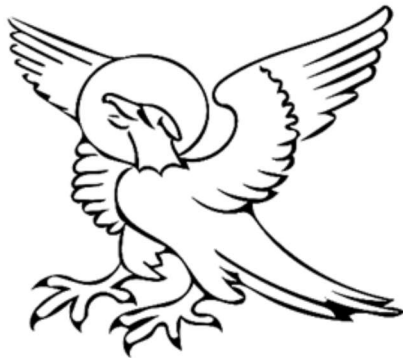


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10am

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August 16th, 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:

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
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 45:1-

15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 133 (*sung*)

Tune: Trentham

When brethren live at peace,
At peace in unity,
Behold how good a thing it is,
A pleasant thing to see.
It is like fragrant oil
Which glistens and runs down
On head and beard, on Aaron's beard
And collar of his gown.

It is like Hermon's dew
That falls on Zion's hill,
For there the Lord has promised life
And gives his blessing still.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn – 293 – “Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old”
– Verse 2 before Gospel

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15: 21-28

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

293 – "Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old" – Verse 1

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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The Exchange of the Peace

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God and Father,
you have adopted us to be your heirs.
Accept all we offer you this day
and give us grace to live as faithful children.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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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.

The Breaking of the Bread 2

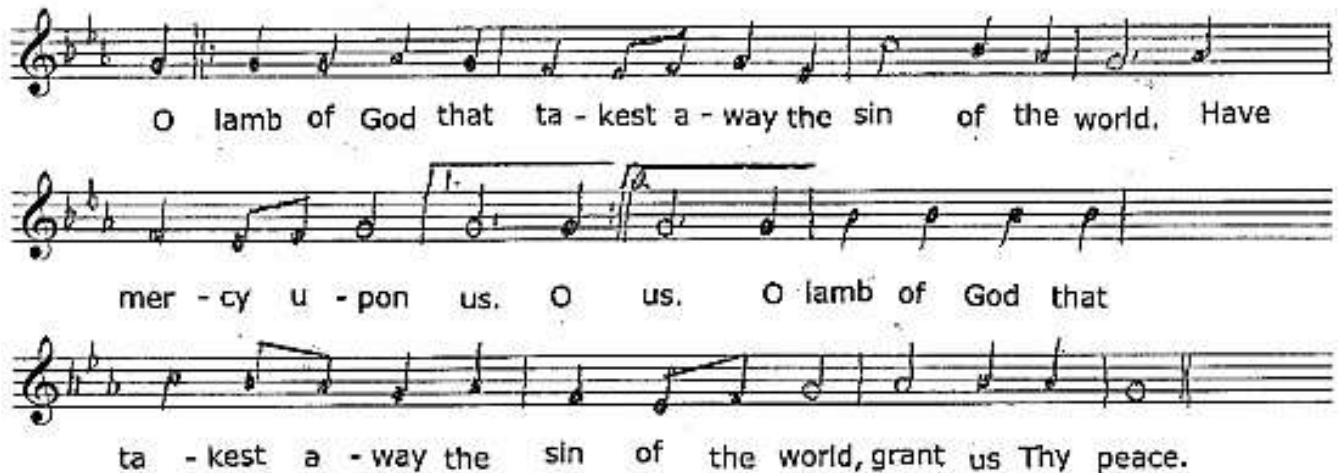
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Celebrant: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *Sung as printed here.*



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 (*see insert*)

"The Table"

"Good and Gracious King"

"Way Maker"

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
we have received a token of your promise.
May we who have been nourished by holy things

live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn – 397 – “*Praise the One Who Breaks*”

Dismissal

A Little About Our New Interim Priest:

Rev Canon Baxter Park is our interim Priest. Baxter is a Newfoundlander who spent his first five years of ministry in his home province. He served his first year as a curate in a large city congregation and then became the rector in a large rural multi-point congregation. In 1989 Baxter enrolled in the military chaplaincy.

His work as a Padre included being the chaplain to Canada's ships during the first Gulf War. This was followed by a number of shipboard naval deployments. He also deployed to Bosnia Herzegovina with the army, and he served as the first Canadian Chaplain at the American hospital in Landstuhl, Germany during the conflict in Afghanistan. Baxter was the liaison between families in Canada and those seriously wounded or dying who had been repatriated to the hospital. Baxter would arrange for the next of kin to visit and support them pastorally. Baxter retired from the military in 2012 having served as Canada's Senior Navy Chaplain.

He returned to his home Diocese where he became the Dean of Western Newfoundland, serving at the Cathedral in Corner Brook for 6 years. In 2018 he retired to Ottawa and settled in Stittsville, where he continues to live with his wife Nancy.

In 2019 Baxter left retirement to become the Rector of Huntley, in Carp. He served four years there and then returned to retirement, a state that he

continues to fail at! In the past few years, he has served as interim priest in Carleton Place, St Colomba, Manor Park, and Perth.

Baxter has served in a variety of national roles in the Canadian Anglican church and as an Advisor to the Military Ombudsman. He has a deep interest in vocational ministry and has led several clergy mentorship programs.

Baxter and Nancy enjoy travelling and an enjoyable book. They both like to cook and offer hospitality. They enjoy Jeopardy and they are both fans of the Montreal Canadiens.

Baxter will be physically present in the parish on Sundays, Wednesday and Thursdays beginning this week. He will be absent 31 August to 20 September and then here until 6 December. He is looking forward to getting to know the people of St John's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gluten free Wafers: If you would like a gluten free wafer at communion, please bring your bulletin up with you to the communion rail.

Smiths Falls Food Bank: Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the church for your food donations. All donations are collected after the third Sunday of each month, and delivered directly 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 Continue – 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 is progressing. Level flooring now exists as planned. 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: Abatement of the Lower Hall, now truly a basement, is complete. The air was tested and found to be of no risk. A structural engineering assessment will be done as well as a survey for designated substances to make sure all mould, asbestos and lead has been removed.

Did you know that we have a Mid-Week Coffee Hour? We do! It's every Wednesday at 11am, following the 10am service, in the hall, and everyone is welcome!

Upper Hall Visioning: On August 30th, following the 10am service, you will have an opportunity to share your ideas and opinions on what the Upper Hall should look like, who it should welcome and accommodate, and how it will function. This is your chance to influence the future of our hall.

Games Night - Friday, Sept 4th, 5.30pm, Upper Hall - Come for some food and games! Everyone is welcome to join us for a provided warm meal at 5.30pm, and the games start anytime after that. There will also be a table with a craft. Bring your friends and bring their games! Any questions, please contact Laura Porter.

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Baxter Park

Greeters: Faye Moore & Linda MacLaren

Reader/Intercessor: Trish Warren

Communion Assistant: Mike McCulloch

Server: Mike McCulloch
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Aug 23, 2026 ~
EX 1:8—2:10; PS 124; ROM 12:1-8; MT 16:13-20

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*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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