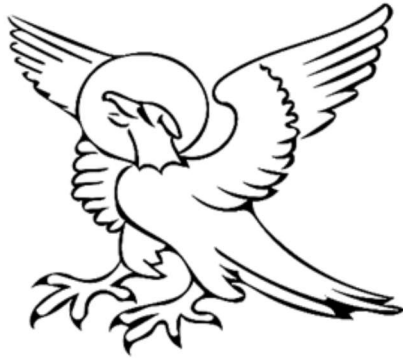


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10am

Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

September 6th, 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:

214 – "The Lamb's High Banquet"

Greeting, p.185

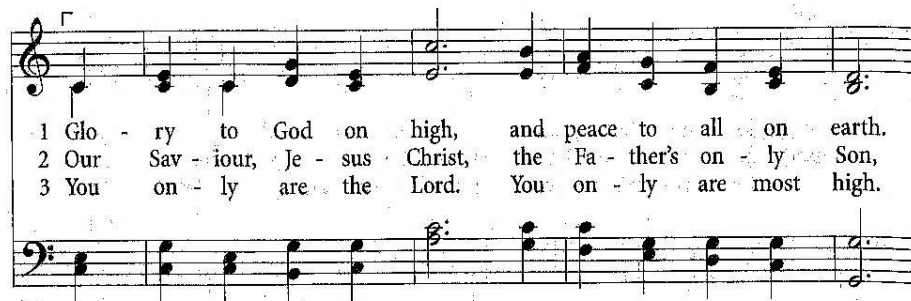
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The Gloria

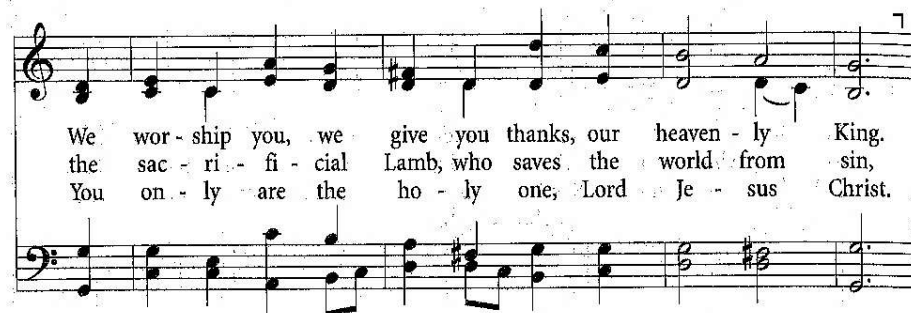
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PRAISE

365 Glory to God on High



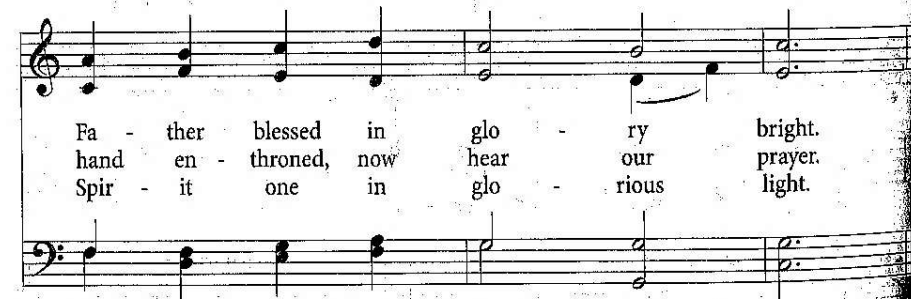
1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.



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

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
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

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will

strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 149 (*sung*)

Hallelujah! Sing praise to God,
Among the faithful let praise ring;
Let Israel, Zion's children too,
Rejoice in their Creator King.

In dances praise his Name, and
sing
With harp and timbrel joyfully;
The Lord takes pleasure in his
own,
Adorns the poor with victory.

Let faithful saints rejoice in bed,
Let them be joyful in the Lord;
Let praise of God be in their
throat
And in their hand a two-edged
sword;

To wreck God's vengeance on all
lands,

Tune: Old 100th

The punishment which he
ordains;
To bind their kings with links of
iron
And place their nobles, too, in
chains;

To levy and inflict on them
The judgment God decreed by
law;
This is the glory which God's own
Will all receive. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn –
Forgive"

614 – "Forgive Our Sins As We

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened

to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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.

Offertory Hymn

70 – "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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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.

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.

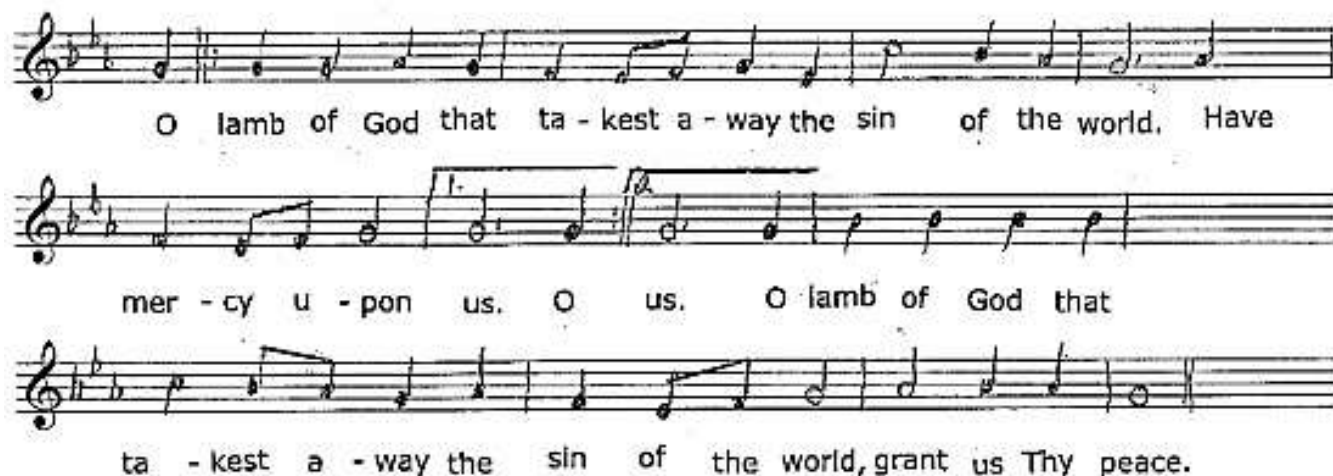
Breaking of the Bread 2

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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:

44 – "Freely, Freely"

133 – "Revive Us Again"

Prayer after Communion

Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

486 – “Love Divine, All Loves

Excelling”

Dismissal

Archbishop Anne Germond and The Diocese of Algoma are pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Doctor Thomas Brauer as the new incumbent of St. Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay, Ontario. Thomas will begin his ministry October 15th, 2026 in a full-time appointment.

We wish Thomas many blessings on his new appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: We are excited to announce that Sunday School at St. John's has begun! Children of all ages are welcome to join us for a fun and engaging program where they will learn about faith, friendship, and God's love through stories, activities, and discussion. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new families as we start another wonderful year together.

Frozen Food to Bless Those in Need: St. John's is collecting frozen prepared meals to help those in need. Our goal is to have a supply of pre-packaged frozen meals available in the Parish Hall freezer to distribute to those needing a little extra help. If you are able, please consider purchasing a frozen meal and place it in the freezer for someone in our community that can use our help. Suggestions include packaged, frozen meat pies, pizza, shepherd's pie or pasta. Individual or family sizes are welcome. Together we can be the hands and feet of Jesus, offering both nourishment and hope. If you have questions feel free to contact Cindy Penman 613.283.5002.

Monday Night Bible Study: Beginning ***Monday, September 21st, at 7.15pm***, there will be a new study on the book "Romans for Everyone: Part 2", by N.T. Wright. Meetings will be on Zoom on Monday nights, and everyone is welcome. Please note that it is **not** a requirement to have read Part 1. If interested, please let Laura S in the Church office know. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Norman at 613.806.6761.

We've been hearing rumours circulating St John's that there is interest in: Home study groups, bible studies, book studies, Alpha, video series, an Advent study and other opportunities to learn, share, grow and extend an invitation. Parish Council has agreed that a Spiritual Development Committee to build an intentional plan for

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spiritual growth is called for. If this interests you, please come to the Link ***after the 10 AM service on September 20th***. Membership does not mean you have to lead or be responsible for any of the aforementioned activities. Looking to measure interest and share ideas.

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

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 10am 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.

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jim Roberts
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Reader/Intercessor: Pat Lee / Karen Bryan
Communion Assistant: Chris Elmsley
Server: Kevin Lewis
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Sep 13, 2026 ~
EX 14:19-31; PS 114; ROM 14:1-12; MT 18:21-35

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

*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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