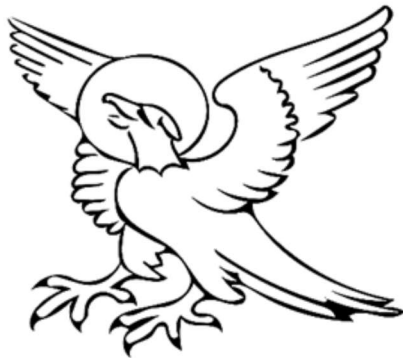


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10am

Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

September 13th, 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:

527 – "How Firm a Foundation"

Greeting, **p.185**

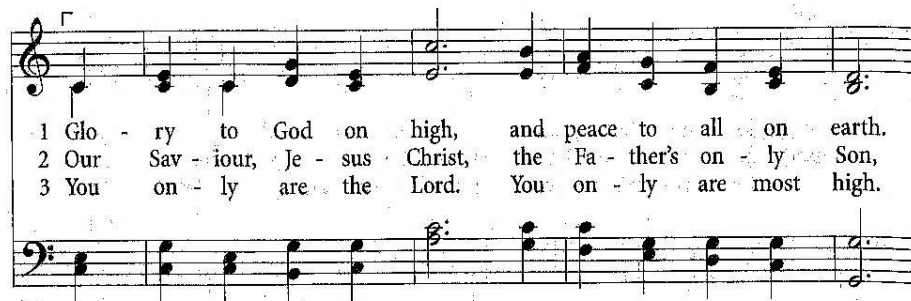
Collect for Purity, **p.185**

The Gloria

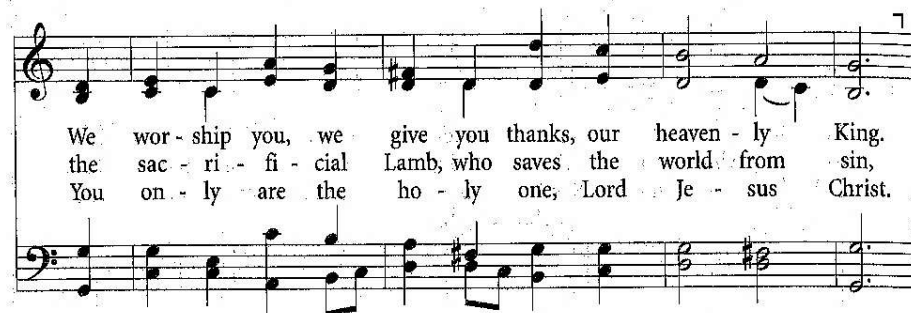
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PRAISE

365 Glory to God on High



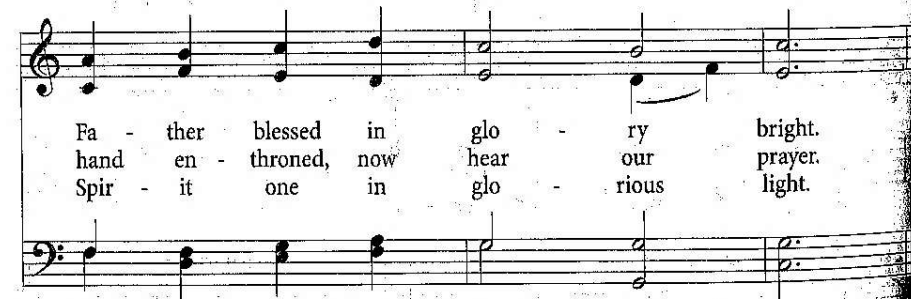
1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.



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 call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the

sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 114 (*sung*)

When Israel came, and Judah's
house,
From Egypt's alien speech and
ways,
Israel was his dominion then,
Judah became his holy place.

The sea beheld these things and
fled,
Jordan turned back, its bed was
dry;
The lofty mountains skipped like
rams,
The little hills like lambs leaped
high.

What ailed you, sea, that thus
you fled?

Tune: Hamburg

Mountains, what made you skip
like rams?
Jordan, what was it turned you
back?
You hills, why did you leap like
lambs?

Now tremble at his presence,
earth:
The God of Jacob, God alone;
Who turned hard rock into a pool,
Brought flowing streams from
hard flintstone.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn –
Mercy

606 – "There's a Wideness in God's

Verses 1, 2, & 3 – before the Gospel

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And with thy Spirit

Gospeller: The Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ According to Matthew

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ

Hymn –

**606 – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Verses 4 & 5 – after the Gospel**

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
Prevail”

487 – “Where Charity and Love

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
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.

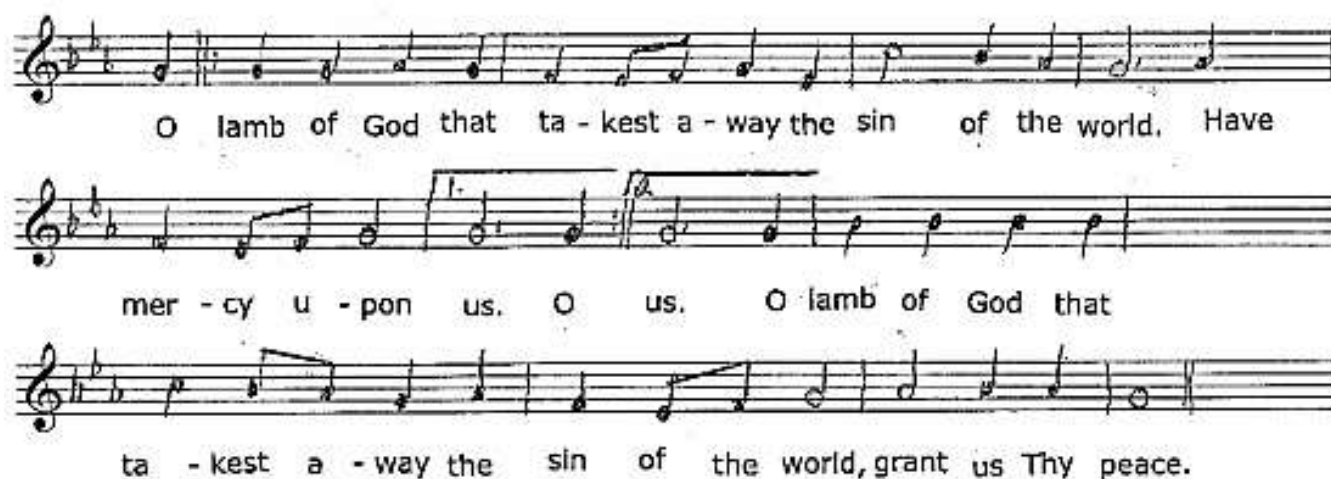
Breaking of the Bread 2

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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:

56 – "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

137 – "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Prayer after Communion

God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

438 – "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Dismissal

A note of thanks to Debbie for organizing the group to move the old organ from the South entrance to its final resting place at GIM. Thank you to Todd Visser, Chris Elmsley, Rob and Josh MacLaren, Bruce, and Carl Young, for making this happen.

*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.*

*Bishop Kathryn is pleased to announce that the Venerable Brian Kauk has been appointed to be Incumbent of the Parish of All Saints Westboro and Archdeacon of Central Ottawa, effective October 27th, 2026.
We wish Brian many blessings on his new appointment.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 – Although two of the three dumpsters have been removed, only those with mobility issues will continue to 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.

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jim Roberts
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, Sep 20, 2026 ~
EX 16:2-15; PS 105:1-6, 37-45; PHIL 1:21-30; MT 20:1-16

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Thursday 1 – 4pm

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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