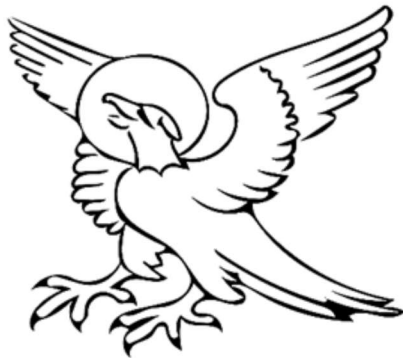


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Eighteenth
Sunday
after Pentecost***

September 27th, 2026
Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**
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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

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn:

388 – *"Glorious Things
of Thee Are Spoken"*

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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

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 78:1-7 (*sung*)

Tune: Old 100th

Hear, O my people, what I say,
Incline your ears to learn my
ways;
I will declare a parable,
The mysteries of ancient days.

What our forefathers told to us
And that which we have heard
and known,
The mighty works which God has
done,
Their children also must be
shown.

We will recount to those to come
The power of God and deeds he
wrought;
He gave a law to Israel
Which now their children must be
taught;

That generations still to come
And children yet unborn be told,
So they might trust God, not
forget,
But keep his judgments as of old.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from
love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make
my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in

full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn –
Cross"

386 – "When I Survey the Wondrous

Verses 1 & 2 – before the Gospel

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority

are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn – **386 – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**
Verses 3 & 4 – after the Gospel

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed **p. 189**

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution **p. 191**

The Exchange of the Peace **p. 192**

People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our 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.

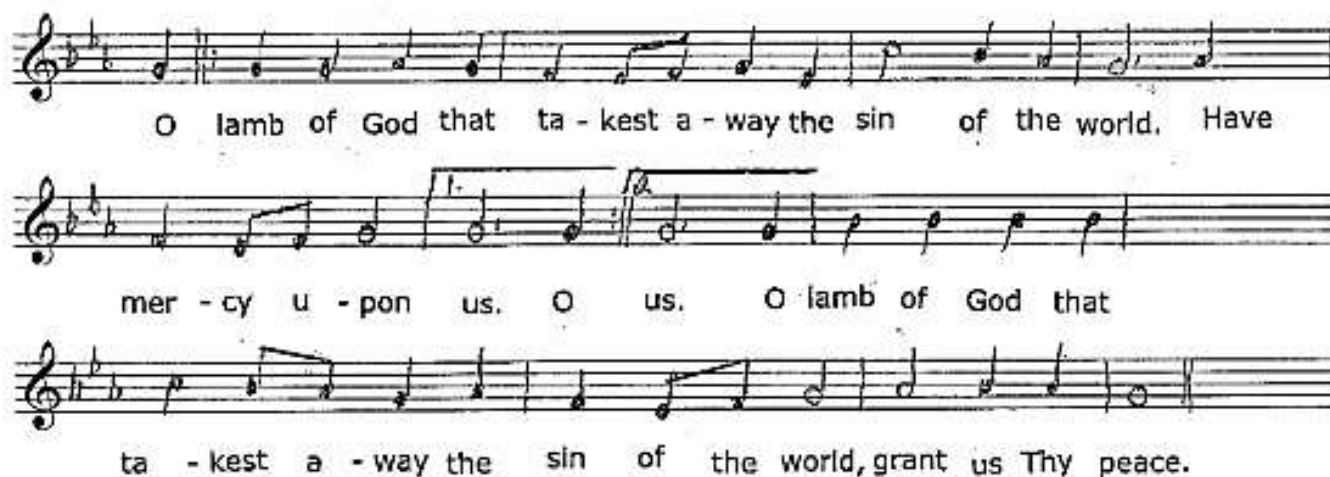
Breaking of the Bread 2

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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:

100 – "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

105 – "More About Jesus"

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

Broad”

Dismissal

628 – “O Love, How Deep, How

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray K7A: Our next K7A prayer meeting will be with our friends at the Independent Assemblies of God Church in Smiths Falls, ***this evening at 7pm***. Please meet at 54 William St W, Smiths Falls. Bruce Irvine will be leading our time together there. Please pass this information on to anyone else that you think would like to join us.

Altar Guild Flower Fund: We are looking to ways to have flowers placed at our altar more frequently. If you wish to donate to this fund, please place an envelope on the collection plate marked 'Flower Fund'. If you wish to donate flowers directly to the church, please contact Debbie Lewis for more information at 613.284.6111.

Games Night: Please join us for our next Games Night being held ***Friday, October 2nd, at 5.30pm***. We will be hosting a potluck that evening, and look forward to our guests bringing in some of their favourite dishes. Games and a craft will follow dinner. If you have questions regarding this fun and relaxing evening, please contact Laura Porter.

2027 Church Calendars: Calendars are now available in the office for sale, and are **\$7** each. Please contact Laura S in the office, if you would like one.

Monday Night Bible Study: We have started a new study on the book "Romans for Everyone: Part 2", by N.T. Wright. Meetings are via Zoom on ***Monday nights at 7.15pm***. 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.

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: The new flooring, solid prefinished hardwood and carpet (claret), is on order so we will tread on subflooring until installation is complete. A bin will remain in the parking lot until the work is completed.

Frozen Food to Bless Those in Need: As we continue to collect frozen meals to help those in need and you are able to help, please consider purchasing a frozen meal and placing 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 dishes. 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.

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Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman
Communion Assistant: Kathy Porter
Server: Kevin Lewis
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Oct 4, 2026 ~
EX 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; PS 19; PHIL 3:4b-14; MT 21:33-46

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*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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