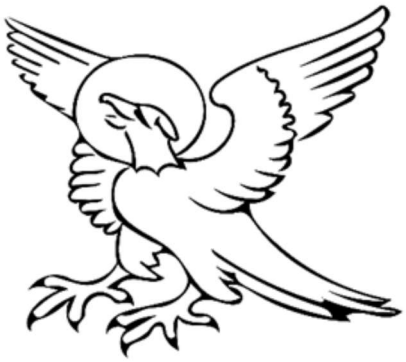
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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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October 25th, 2026

Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**

Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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
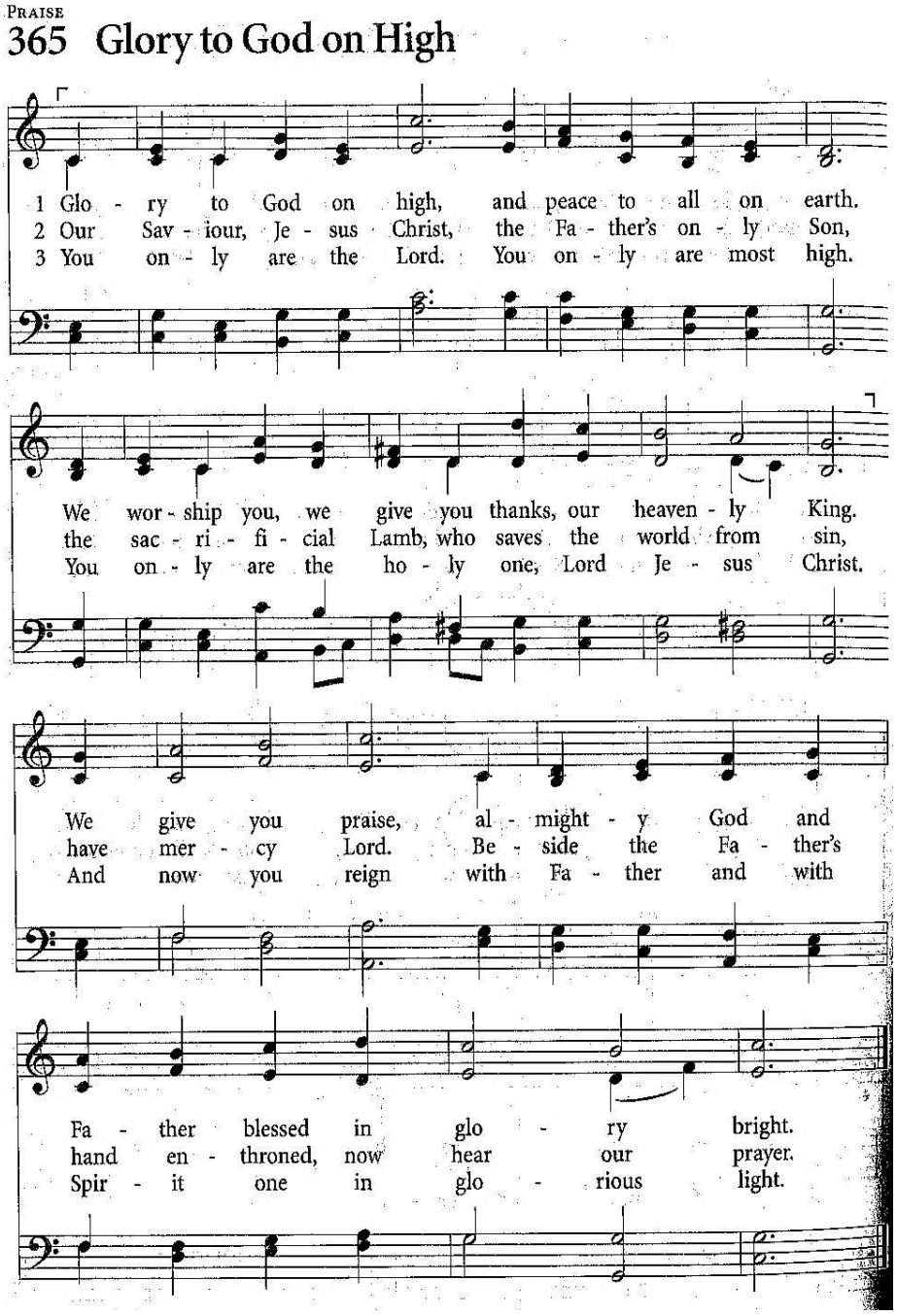
Processional (Opening) Hymn:
101 – *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

Greeting, p.185

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The Gloria

Sung as printed here.



Collect of the Day

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
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 Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the

Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (*responsive*)

REFRAIN: From age to age you are God.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are
God. ***– R***

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. ***– R***

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. ***– R***

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. ***– R***

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. ***– R***

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn — 70 – *"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"*

Verses 1 & 2 – Before the Gospel

Holy Gospel — Matthew 22:34-46

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

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Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn **70 – *"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"***
Verses 3, 4, 5 – 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.

Offertory Hymn **383 – *"Jesus Shall Reign"***

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 4 p. 201

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.

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Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.
Glory to You our God.
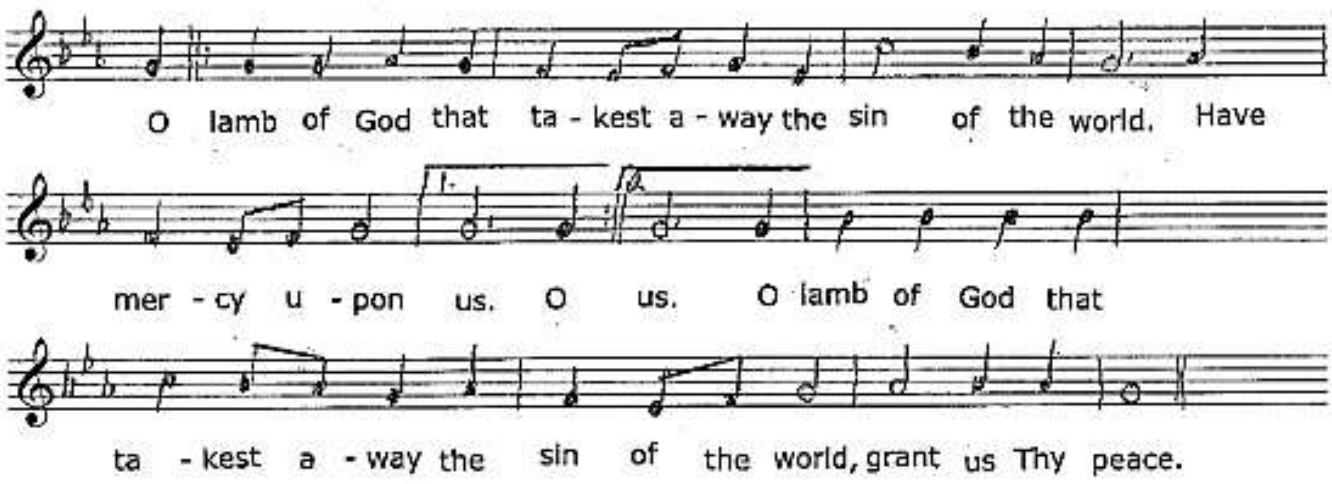
The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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 p. 212

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 – ***615 - "Just As I Am"***

538 – "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Prayer after Communion

God our guide,
you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the people of Israel.
May we who have been inwardly nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology **p. 214**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn – ***532 – "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"***

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Modified Office Hours: Please note that the office hours this coming week will be: ***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9.30am to 1pm,*** and ***Thursday 11.30am to 2.30pm.***

PRAY K7A: Please join us for an evening of Fellowship and prayer tonight, ***at 7pm***. We will be meeting at Calvary Bible Church,.15 Beech Street, Smiths Falls, K7A 3V3. All are welcome.

Thank you! For the third week, we welcome ***Garry Hoekstra*** as our organist, and thank him for his flexibility and willingness to fill in at our 10am services.

All Saints/Souls Service – *Sunday, November 1st at 4.00pm –* We are extending a special invitation to everyone to join in a memorial service to remember those who have died, especially in the last year. Anyone is welcome to provide names beforehand that will be added to the insert for the bulletin, and will be read out during the service. The name(s) can also be written on a piece of paper, and presented to a greeter at the service. Please contact the Church office for more information.

Games Night – *Friday, November 6th, at 5.30pm –* You are invited to join us for soup & buns, fun games and a craft, and wonderful fellowship! Bring your friends and bring your games!

Special Notice for Remembrance Sunday: We will be commemorating Remembrance Sunday on ***November 8th***. We are encouraging serving members of the Military, Police, Fire, EMS services, the Legion, and cadets to consider wearing their uniforms that day. Retired military, police or firefighters are also encouraged to wear their medals and decorations. Other people who have been awarded national or provincial decorations are also encouraged to wear them.

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St John's Christmas Food Fair: Join us ***Saturday, November 14, 2026***, from 11am to 2pm. The following tables will be awaiting your contributions and donations: **Bake Table:** Cookies of all kinds, squares, cakes, rolls, breads, unique Christmas baking, etc.; **Gourmet Table:** Frozen foods: baked beans, soups, lasagna, coleslaw, potato salad, jams, pickles, etc.; and **Candy Table:** Goodie bags, fudge (chocolate and brown sugar), pretzels, nuts & bolts, candy bark, and any other delectable delights. We will also be having Christmas Ornaments for sale. We would welcome your donations of any extra plastic/cotton grocery bags that you may have and are wanting to get rid of. These can be dropped off at the church hall during office hours before the big day. Any questions regarding the Food Fair can be directed to Louise Sherry at 613.284.1923.
As a special note, we will also have a Christmas tree on hand which will hold ***FREE hats and mitts*** for those who need a little extra warmth this winter. If you would like to donate mitts and hats, that would be so wonderful!! Any questions about the ***FREE hats and mitts*** can be directed to Trish Warren at 613.206.1405.

Bible Study (Evening): Bruce and Amy Jeffreys are hosting a study on Jonah on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in joining them, please contact them at: brucejeffrey.photo@gmail.com

Bible Study (Advent): ***Coming soon*** **–** more information will be available closer to the start date.

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 is being installed at last! A bin will remain in the parking lot until the work is completed. Completion date is not expected until middle of November 2026.

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Baxter Park
Greeters: Gail Brennan & Laura Porter
Reader/Intercessor: Trish Warren
Communion Assistant: Cindy Penman
Server: William Mackay
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell
Interim Organist: Garry Hoekstra
Readings for next Sunday, Nov 1, 2026 ~
REV 7:9-17; PS 34:1-10, 22; 1 JN 3:1-3; MT 5:1-12

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

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