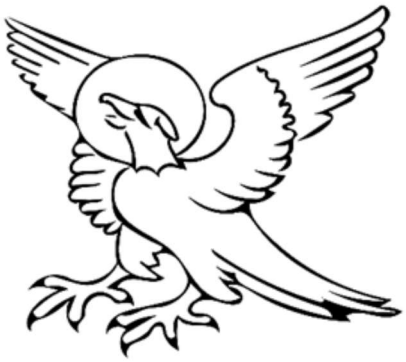
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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15th, 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

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn:
599 – *"Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night"*

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The Gloria

Sung as printed here.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
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 Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

Tune: Duke Street

To you, O Lord, I lift my eyes,
To you enthroned in heaven above;
As servants wait their masters' will,
So we look up and wait God's love.

Have mercy on us now, O Lord,
Contempt has been our lot too long;
Too long have we been mocked and scorned,
Derided by the proud and strong.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Ancient Words:

Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart, oh let the Ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh let the Ancient words impart.

Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

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.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Ancient Words:

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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 **601 – *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"***

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 1 **p. 193**

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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God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.
Glory to You our God.

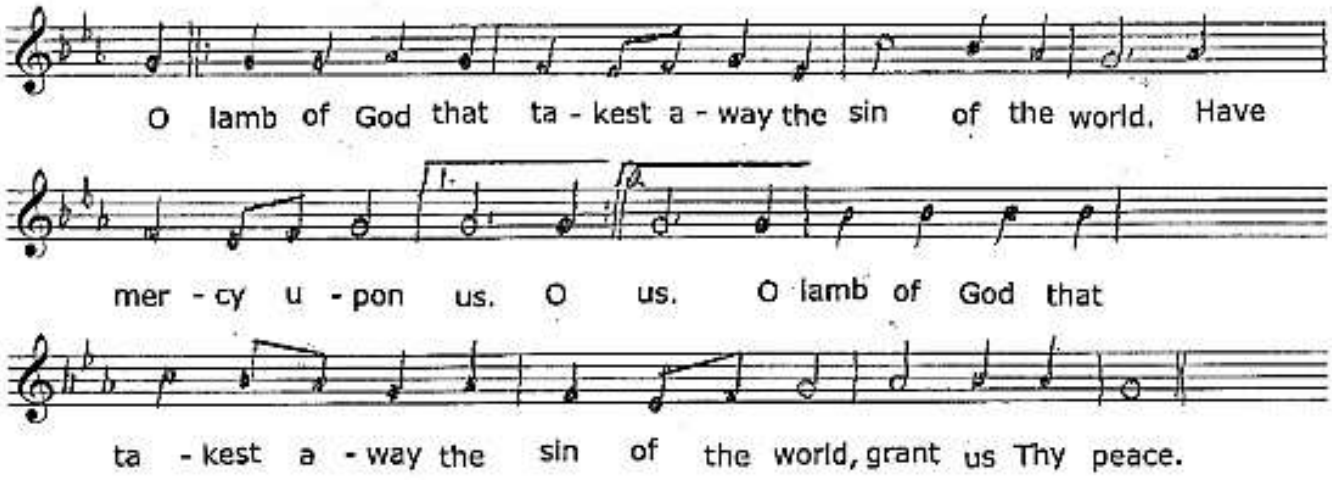
The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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 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 – Beginnings (*see insert*)

"Draw the Circle Wide"
"Amazed"
"Open Our Eyes Lord"

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn – ***508 – "I Head the Voice of Jesus Say"***

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark you Calendars: ***Tuesday, November 17th, from 4.30 to 6.00pm –*** St. John's is sponsoring a Community Meal at The Falls Food Hub in the Chambers St Plaza, Smiths Falls. Volunteers from St John's will be serving up food and fellowship and all are welcome to attend. The meal is free with any good will donations going directly to The Falls Food Hub. Come enjoy a great meal and fellowship with our neighbours in the community.

Pastoral Care would like your help again: Christmas is approaching and we would like to fill approximately 40 cookie boxes with your delicious cookies to give to our friends living in Van Horne, Broadview, Lombard Manor, Rosebridge, Perth Community Care, and Lanark Lifestyles, plus a few others living at home but find it difficult to get to Church.
Thanks to our outreach committee for the $2,000 which enables us to purchase Giant Tiger gift cards for those living at Shardon Manor, Victoria House and Bridge House.
On ***Sunday, November 29th***, we will meet after the 10.00am service to fold out the cookie boxes and write personal notes in all 80 Christmas cards for the folks at Shardon Manor, Victoria House and Bridge House to let them know that God loves them and we do too.
Then on ***Wednesday, December 9th,*** we will fill the cookie boxes to be delivered.
Thanks so much for all the cookies that you donate and the help with the cards!

Food Bank Donations: Collection baskets are located at the North and South doors of the Church, and will be collected and delivered to the Smiths Falls Foodbank after the third Sunday of each month. Any questions can be directed to Deb Lewis at 613.284.6111.

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: We are almost at the end of this project. We expect to return to the Chancel shortly.

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Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Reader/Intercessor: Trish Warren
Communion Assistant: Donna Howard
Server: Mike McCulloch
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Nov 22, 2026 ~
EZEK 34:11-16, 20-24; PS 100; EPH 1:15-23; MT 25:31-46

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

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