

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



## ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada

**Fourth Sunday  
after the  
Epiphany**

**January 28, 2024**  
**SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10 a.m.**  
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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

### Prelude

### Announcements

### • Processional (Opening) Hymn

**380**

- **Greeting**

**BAS, p.185**

- **Collect for Purity**

- **Gloria (sung)**

**Glory to God on high,  
And peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
Almighty God and Father blessed  
in glory bright.**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
The Father's only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb,  
who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy Lord.  
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
now hear our prayer.**

**You only are the Lord.  
You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
With Father and with Spirit one  
in glorious light.**

## **Collect of the Day**

Living God,  
in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives

make known your glory;  
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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 111

(Read Responsively)

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever. He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

**He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.

**The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.**

They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

**He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

## **Second Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

• **Gradual Hymn:**

**500**

*vss. 1, 2 & 3 before the Gospel, vss. 4, 5 & 6 after the Gospel*

## Holy Gospel

## Mark 1:21-28

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon

- **Nicene Creed** **p. 188**
- **Prayers of the People** **p. 190**
- **Confession and Absolution** **p. 188**

## The Peace

*People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

- **Offertory Hymn** **109**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## Prayer over the Gifts

God of steadfast love,  
may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

- **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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### Sanctus (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

- **The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

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- **Breaking of the Bread 5**

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## 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**  
**161**

**142,**



- **Hymn after Communion**

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

- **Doxology**

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### **The Blessing**

- **Recessional Hymn**

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### **Dismissal**

### **Postlude**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON 7:15PM**

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Monday night study has resumed, reading Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, by Joanna Weaver. We meet on Mondays at 7:15-8:15 through zoom. If anyone would like to join, please let Nancy Fleming know.

### **PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM**

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

## **CHURCH CALENDARS**

There are only a few 2024 Church calendars left for pick up in the Canterbury Room. The cost is \$6.00.

## **Pray K7A**

Come and pray for Smiths Falls and area. The last Sunday of each month Christians from across Smiths Falls gather to pray for the town and area, to sing praise to God, and to encourage each other. **Today Sunday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m., we will gather at the Salvation Army Chapel.**

## **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 25, 2024 following the 10:00 a.m. service. Wardens, Karen and Paul, ask contributors to submit reports for the Vestry circular to the parish office by Sunday, February 4, 2024. Electronic submissions (**not.pdf**) would be most appreciated. ([stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com))

## **BAPTISMS – EASTER 2024**

Baptisms are a joyful and exciting moment in the life of our church. We will once again be celebrating baptisms at Easter this year, following the ancient tradition of the Church. Any un-baptised person, or Christian parent of an un-baptised child is welcome to join in the baptismal preparation classes. If you or someone in your family have been thinking about baptism, then you are encouraged to contact Thomas ([thomascbrauer@outlook.com](mailto:thomascbrauer@outlook.com)), or the parish office (613-283-1261) as soon as possible. Baptismal preparation classes will begin on Sunday, January 28th, following the 10am service. Whenever possible, lunch will be provided.

## **LENTEN STUDY SERIES – LENT 2024**

Lent comes early this year, so sign up soon for this year's Lenten Study Series: The Unfolding Gospel. We will be working through the book by the same name by Prof. John P. Bowen. This book is a very accessible exploration into the meaning and implications of the Christian message, written in a way that makes you feel like you're sitting down for a coffee with a wise friend and mentor. Thomas will be leading two sessions per week during lent: Tuesday evenings, 7pm, in the Link Room, and Wednesday mornings, 11pm, in the Link Room (These sessions are repeats of each other, there's no need to attend both each week). Please sign up if you're interested. Sign-up sheets will be located at the back of the church, at the North entrance, and outside the office door. Cost will be between \$25 and \$30 including the book and refreshments.

## **2023 TAX RECEIPTS**

Are now available in the Canterbury Room.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Reader: Karen Bryan  
Intercessor: Nancy Fleming  
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Chris Cutler-Silvermoon  
Greeters: Linda MacLaren & Carol McNabb  
Readings for next Sunday, February 4, 2024 ~  
Is 40:21-31; Ps 147:1-12,21c; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39

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### **Weekly Liturgies**

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.\* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.  
\*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

The Right Reverend Shane A. D. Parker – Bishop of Ottawa

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