# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Smiths Falls | 175 years | 1849-2024



Third Sunday After Easter May 4, 2025
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

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#### The Gloria

Sung as printed here.



#### **Collect of the Day**

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we being illuminated by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may walk in the light of your truth, and come at last to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

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#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading**

Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

#### Psalm 30

I will exalt you, Lord, For you have lifted me And have not let my foes rejoice Or gain the victory.

Lord God, I cried to you And you have made me whole; You brought me up, O Lord, from death, And you restored my soul. Tune: St. Thomas

You servants of the Lord, Come now and let us sing; Remembering his holiness, Give thanks to God our King.

His wrath is quickly past, Love's day is never done; Though weeping may spend all the night, Joy rises with the sun.

While I felt safe I said, No one shall trouble me; You made me stronger than the hills, Lord, when you favored me.

But then you hid your face And I was filled with fear; I pleaded with the Lord and cried To you, O Lord, to hear. "What profit will there be
If I go to the grave?
Will dust praise you, Lord, or declare
Your faithfulness to save?

Have mercy on me, Lord; Hear me, save me from strife"; You let me dance instead of mourn And clothed with joy my life.

Therefore my heart will sing Unceasingly to you;
O Lord my God, all thanks and praise To you is ever due.

#### **Second Reading**

Revelation 5:11-

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Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

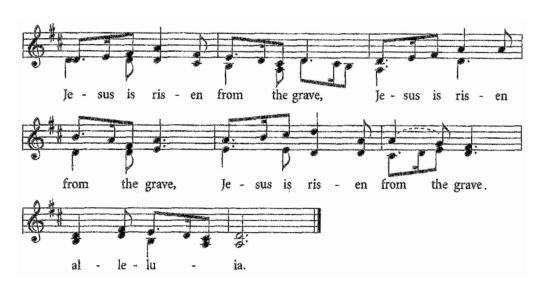
Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Refrain



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#### **Holy Gospel**

John 21:1-19

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the

third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

#### Sermon

Nicene Creed

#### **Prayers of the People**



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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn

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#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Eternal Light,

receive all we offer you this day, that we may share in the wisdom of your eternal Word revealed at this eucharistic table.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word.

#### Amen.

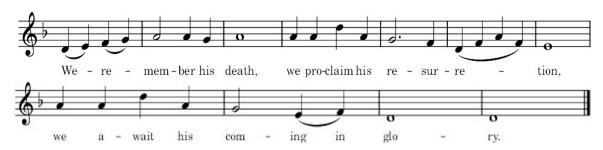
#### Eucharistic Prayer 3

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#### Sanctus (sung)



#### **Acclamation**



#### The Lord's Prayer (sung)

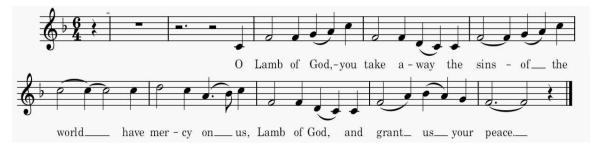
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; Your kingdom come;

Your will be done
On earth, as in heav'n.
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 8

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#### **Agnus Dei**



#### **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 119

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#### Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
your apostle and evangelist John proclaimed the Christ,
your Word made flesh among us.
May we who have shared the bread of life
remain for ever your children,
born according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

• Doxology

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**The Blessing** 

• Recessional Hymn 430

**Dismissal** 

**Postlude** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### **SMITHS FALLS FOOD BANK**

Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. They will be collected after the third Sunday of each month, and delivered to the Food Bank. Any questions, contact Debbie Lewis, (613) 284-6111.

#### PRAY K7A

Come and pray for Smiths Falls and area today, Sunday, May 25, 7:00 pm, **location to be announced**. We'll be praying generally for the town and area, giving thanks for God's gifts of grace and seeking his intercession and guidance for the needs and cares of our area.

#### "ST. JOHN'S TODAY" - NEWSLETTER

We will be providing print and electronic copies of the newsletter. If you wish to receive an electronic copy, please provide your e-mail address on the sheets located in the Canterbury Room and at the North Entrance. You may also call the Church Office (613)283-1261 or e-mail, stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com to be placed on the e-mail list.

### 175th Anniversary Celebration - "A Festival of Music" Sunday, May 4th at 1:30 p.m.

We are getting closer to this exciting event! Join us for performances by several churches and other local musicians. A reception will follow. Our choir will debut St. John's commemorative hymn to which so many parishioners contributed. Everyone is invited to this no-cost event. There will be parking available at Hunt and Dopson Insurance. Spread the word and let's party!

#### **CURSILLO WEEKEND**

A men's cursillo weekend is being offered May 9 -11th. Cursillo is a weekend retreat with a focus on Christian living. If you desire to live

your faith in the world around you, Cursillo may be right for you. If you'd like more information, see Trish Warren.

#### **GAMES NIGHT GRANT**

Sometime before Christmas the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa made available its Future Fund Grant Program which is designed to support the diocese's strategic priorities for contextual mission and new worshipping communities. This points to "adapting the church's mission and message to the specific needs, cultures and realities of the communities it serves, ensuring its ministry is relevant and effective." The deadline for the application for this fund was Mar. 15, 2025. We worked together as a team to complete the application form of several pages. Then on April 1, 2025 we received this response as part of a letter from the Diocese:

"On behalf of the Future Fund Panel of the Diocese of Ottawa I am happy to inform you that your recent application for a grant of \$7,525.80 has been successful. Panel members agree that your plans for "Games Nights" fulfills the requirements of a contextual mission project, and will serve as an inspiring ministry for a diverse range of people in your community. Its goals are aligned with the strategic priorities of contextual mission, demonstrate an understanding of your parish and community context, and seem feasible and sustainable." We are thrilled. It is a big deal and we are very grateful for this support.

We also thank our community folks and our St. John's family members, for enthusiastically attending or supporting us one Friday night a month.

**Friday, June 6, 5:30 p.m.** Please join us for some games, food and fellowship! Bring your friends and bring your games! A warm meal will

be provided and a few games available to choose from. Please contact Laura Porter if you have any questions.

#### **Notice of Parish Hall Town Hall Meeting**

Sunday, May 25th following the 10 AM service we will host an information sharing time where we will have an opportunity to ask questions and consider the options for the parish hall. A report will be available for pickup from Sunday, May 18th.

#### **Notice of Special Vestry Meeting**

A special vestry meeting will be held June 8th following the 10 AM service. At this meeting voting on which option we will choose for the parish hall will take place.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer Communion Assistants: Chris Elmsley & Pat Lee Reader: Andrew Howard

Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan Organist: Sterling Bennett

Readings for next Sunday, May 11, 2025 ~ Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23; Rev 7:9-17; Jn 10:22-30

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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

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Brauer, Presiding Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Brian Burrows – Honorary Assistant The Reverend Canon Jim Roberts – Honorary Assistant

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