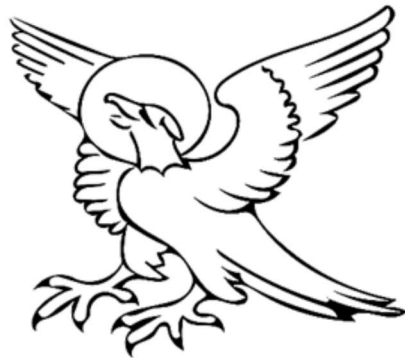


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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



***Second Sunday  
of Easter***

Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**  
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Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Prelude** – “*Now the Green Blade Rises*”  
(Young)

**Announcements**

**Processional  
(Opening) Hymn**

**239** – “*Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*”

**Greeting**

Celebrant: Alleluia!  
Christ is Risen

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

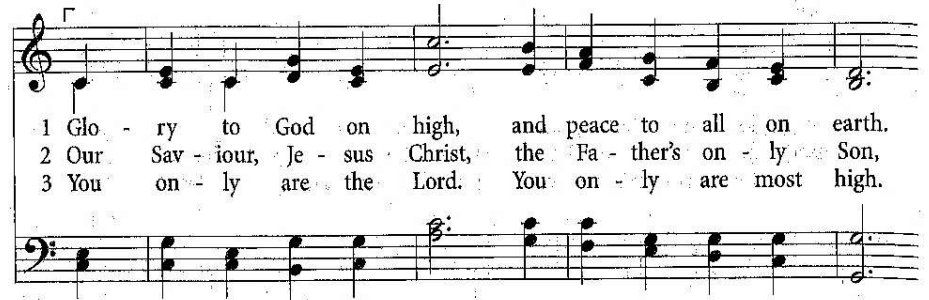
Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

**People: May he fill our hearts with joy!**

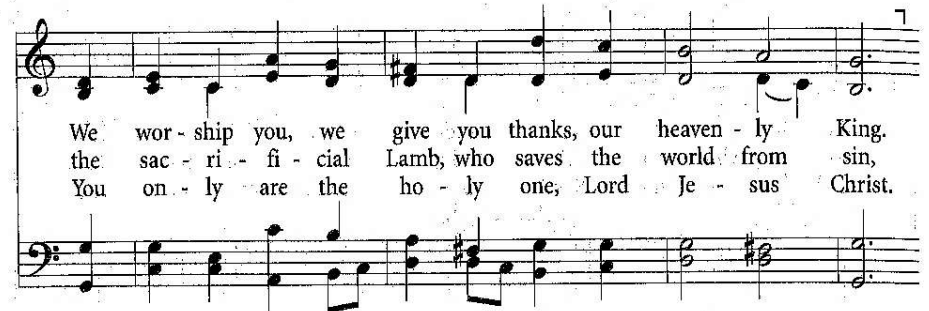
**Children’s Talk**

**Collect for Purity,**  
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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 with  
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**

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
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**

**Acts 2:14A, 22-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to

him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

## **Psalm 16** (*responsive*)

***REFRAIN: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. – **R**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. – **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. – **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. – **R**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. – **R**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. – R

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 1:3-**

**9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
hal - le - lu - jah! See the day of God ap - pear!

### Vs 4

On the third morn he rose again,  
Glorious in majesty to reign.  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
Alleluia!

## Holy Gospel

**John 20:19-31**

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**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the

sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles Creed**

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## **Prayers of the People**

***All:** Almighty God, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give grace to your servant, The Venerable Kathryn Otley, who has been called to the office and ministry of Bishop for your people in our Diocese; fill them with the truth of your doctrine and holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve you, to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

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## **The Peace**

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

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Vision"*

**505 – "Be Thou My**

# **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of grace,  
you have freed us from our sins  
and made us a kingdom in your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

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## **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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Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

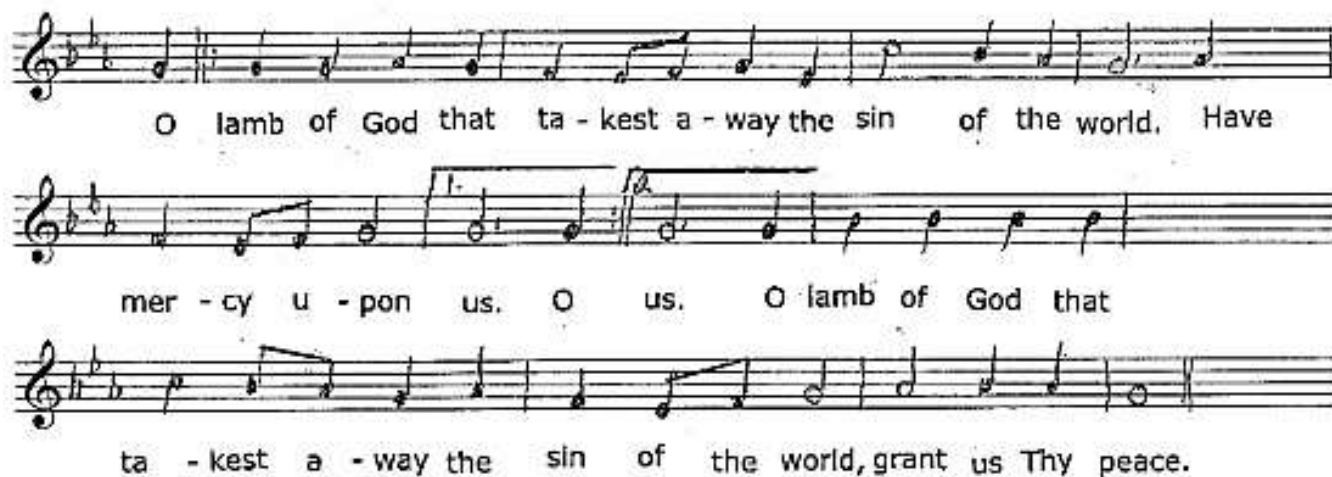
**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *Sung as printed here.*



O lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, Have  
mer - cy u - pon us. O us. O lamb of God that  
ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

## 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.*

## **The Communion**

*"J Pie Jesu" (Lloyd Webber)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Father,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands  
the bread of life.  
Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Doxology**

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## **The Blessing**

## **Recessional Hymn –**

**330 – "O Praise Ye the**

*Lord"*

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

## **Postlude –**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

*(Smith)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>* following the 8 AM and 10 AM service we will host an information sharing time where we will have an opportunity to hear of the plans for the chancel and to give your opinion on possible flooring options.

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

A special vestry meeting will be held *Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>* following the 10 AM service. At this meeting voting will take place on the contract for the demolition of the Lower Hall. This meeting will be dependant on the receipt of viable bids in response to the request for proposals.

**Smiths Falls Food Bank** – Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. Please consider making a contribution, which will be collected after the third Sunday of each month, and delivered to the Food Bank. Please contact Deb Lewis for more info at 613.284.6111. Thank you for your support.

**St. John's Cemetery Board** – Our Cemetery Board could use your help. Please consider joining in the management and oversight of our lovely and peaceful place of rest for our dearly departed. Please see Paul Howard or Nancy Fleming if you are interested.

### **Interested in Cursillo?**

Cursillo is a short retreat which is designed to help us grow our faith and relationship with the Lord. This weekend event includes inspiring talks, wonderful music and concentrated prayer time – all around a chosen theme for the weekend.

This **April 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a Women's Cursillo Weekend being held at the Galilee Centre in Arnprior. If you might be interested or have any questions, please connect with Trish Warren 613.206.1405 or Kathy Porter 613.283.7605.

**Do Your Bit** – Greeters, Readers/Intercessors, and Servers are needed for both the 8am and 10am Sunday services, as well as other special services that we hold. If you are able to help out with this vital and rewarding ministry, please let the office know. We will provide training on ***Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026***, to go through the responsibilities involved.



Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts  
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts  
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman  
Greeters: Faye Moore & Linda MacLaren  
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan  
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl

Readings for next Sunday, Apr 19, 2026 ~  
ACTS 2:14a,36-41; PS 116:1-3,10-17; 1 PET 1:17-23; LUKE 24:13-35

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Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday 9 a.m. – 12 noon  
Thursday 1 – 4 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

### **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 Reverend Dr. Thomas Brauer, Presiding Celebrant & Preacher  
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