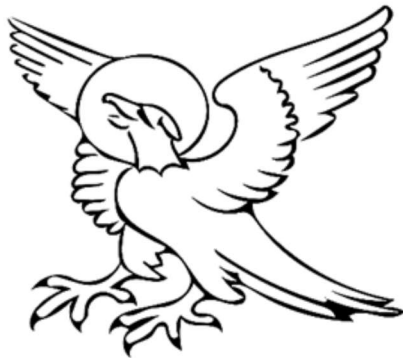


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10am

Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

August 23rd, 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

During the summer months, children are welcome to use our colouring tables or they can play in the Hall if SUPERVISED by their family.

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn:

525 – *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Greeting, **p.185**

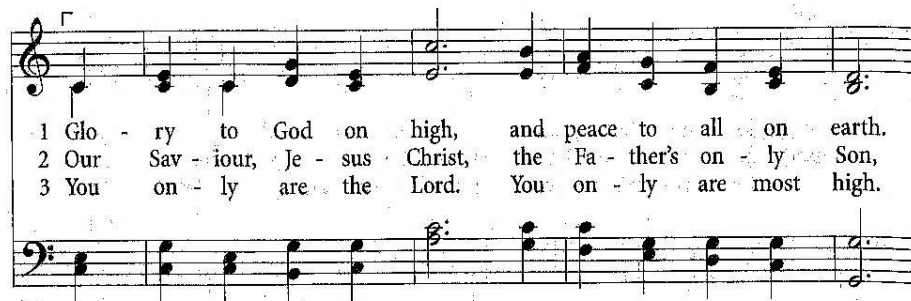
Collect for Purity, **p.185**

The Gloria

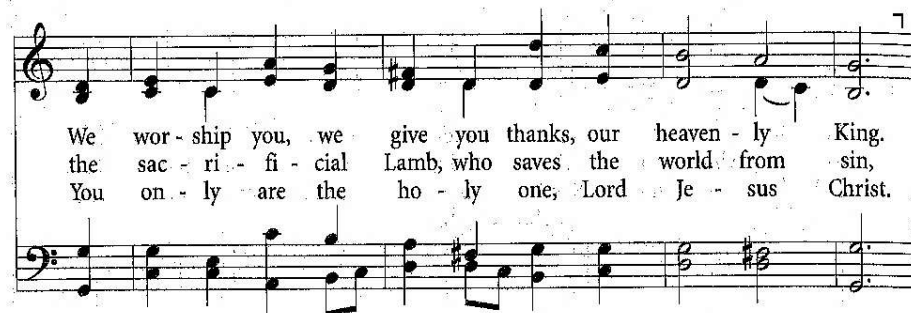
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PRAISE

365 Glory to God on High



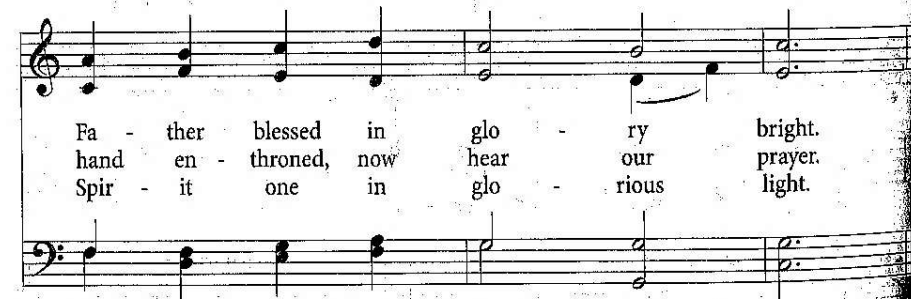
1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.



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
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 God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
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

Exodus 1:8—2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of

Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 124 (*sung*)

Tune: Kingsfold

If God had not been on our side,
Let Israel always say;
If God had not been on our side,
With foes in fierce array,
They would have swallowed us alive
While thirsting for our blood;
The torrent would have overwhelmed
And drowned us in the flood.

The raging waters surely would
Have buried us beneath;
Praise God who has not let us be
A victim for their teeth.
Like birds from broken nets, O Lord,
We have escaped from death;
Our help is in the Name of God
Who made both heaven and earth.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We

have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn –
West

484 – “In Christ There Is No East or

– Verses 1 and 2 before Gospel

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

484 – *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* – Verses 3 and 4 after Gospel

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed **p. 189**

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
Guided"

444 – *"Your Hand, O God, Has*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2 **p. 196**

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.

Cont'd→

Blessed is He, Blessed are We, Blessed are all who come.
Hosannas ring, Archangels sing, Blessed are all who come.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
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.

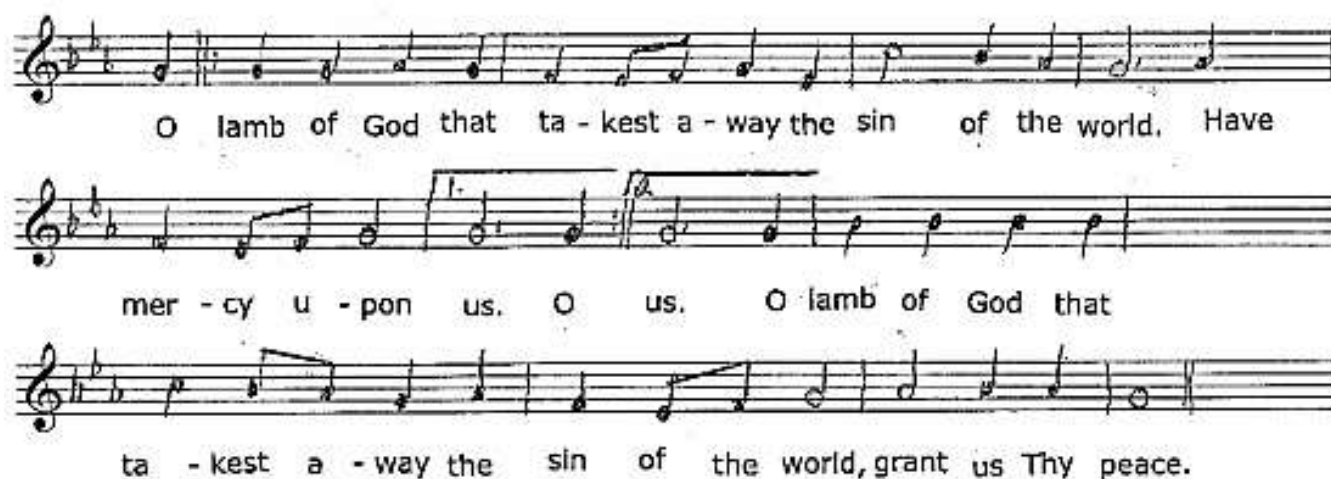
Breaking of the Bread 2

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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:

165 – “’Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”

141 – “Somewhere Along The Road”

Prayer after Communion

Living God,
increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

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

Dismissal

On behalf of the whole parish, we want to extend our warmest congratulations and prayers to Garry and Susan Peters, who celebrated their anniversary on August 14th, 2026. May God continue to bless them with peace, health, and love for many years.

We are thankful once again for the beautiful flowers donated by Carl Young and Mary Rhoden, that continue to provide us with a glimpse of God's beauty, for the church and altar, and thank you to Debbie for the gathering and arranging of these flowers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gluten free Wafers: If you would like a gluten free wafer at communion, please bring your bulletin up with you to the communion rail.

Pray K7A: The next meeting will be on ***Sunday, August 30th, at 7.00pm***, meeting at Bethel Pentecostal Church, 301 County Rd 29, Smiths Falls. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, prayer, blessing, healing, and forgiveness, and the joy of the Gospel on Smiths Falls and the surrounding areas.

Restrictions for use of Back Parking Lot Continue – For the foreseeable future, only those with mobility issues will have access to the back parking lot for the 10 AM service. Thank you for your consideration and kindness ensuring that those who need that access will have it.

Chancel Update: Work is progressing. Level flooring now exists as planned. The new flooring, solid prefinished hardwood and carpet (claret), is on order so we will tread on subflooring until installation is complete. A bin is in place in the parking lot to hold the waste created during the demolition and remodelling. Sorry for the disruption.

Hall Basement: Abatement of the Lower Hall, now truly a basement, is complete. The air was tested and found to be of no risk. A structural engineering assessment will be done as well as a survey for designated substances to make sure all mould, asbestos and lead has been removed.

Upper Hall Visioning: On August 30th, following the 10am service, you will have an opportunity to share your ideas and opinions on what the Upper Hall should look like, who it should welcome and accommodate, and how it will function. This is your chance to influence the future of our hall.

Games Night - Friday, Sept 4th, 5.30pm, Upper Hall - Come for some food and games! Everyone is welcome to join us for a provided warm meal at 5.30pm, and the games start anytime after that. There will also be a table with a craft. Bring your friends and bring their games! Any questions, please contact Laura Porter.

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Greeters: Linda Coleman & Gail Brennan
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman
Communion Assistant: Kathy Porter
Server: Mike McCulloch
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Aug 30, 2026 ~
EX 3:1-15; PS 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; ROM 12:9-21; MT 16:21-28

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*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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