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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Nineteenth
Sunday
after Pentecost***

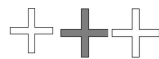
October 4th, 2026
Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**
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Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

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

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn:

425 – "Joyful, Joyful We
Adore Thee"

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The Gloria

Sung as printed here.

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,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will

die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-6 (*sung*)

Tune: St.

Flavian

The heavens above declare God's
praise,

The work his hands have
made;

Day after day his power is shown,
And night by night displayed.

There is no utterance or speech,

No voice is ever heard,
Yet to all nations comes the
sound,

To every place their word.

Forth like a bridegroom comes
the sun

From its appointed place,
And like a hero on his course
Rejoices in the race.

It runs from East to farthest West

To make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath
Escapes its scorching heat.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4B-14

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn –
Foundation”

524 – “O Christ, the Great

Verses 1 & 2 – before the Gospel

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn –

524 – "O Christ, the Great Foundation"
Verses 3 & 4 – after the Gospel

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 **427 – "All Beautiful the March of Days"**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of truth,
receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants,
strong to follow in the pattern
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.

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.*

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

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:

159 – "The Solid Rock"

Choir Anthem – "Take My Life, And Let It Be"

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist
remain in your steadfast love,
and show in our lives
the saving mystery that we celebrate.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

503 – "Fight the Good Fight"

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Announcement: Our St John's church family is eager to come together to learn and explore God's word. At the recent gathering of the Spiritual Development group many ideas were raised including bible studies, book studies, podcasts, videos and reflection on upcoming gospels. It was proposed that for this season three opportunities for gathering would be proposed: a daytime group, an evening group and an Advent study, which would be a four-week format, at lunchtime, with soup and bread served. Signup sheets can be found at the entrances. Please indicate your interest and your willingness to host or lead a group. These will get up and running after Thanksgiving. Choice of study will be made at the first gathering.

Bible Study: Amy & Bruce Jeffrey (11 Glen Ave) would like to host a 6 week discussion of the book of Jonah on Monday or Wednesday evenings. The idea would be to read through Jonah together on the first evening and then, for each of the following weeks, for participants to come having already listened to the appropriate episode of a 5 part podcast series titled "The Amazing Jonah" by Tim Mackie, co-founder of The Bible Project. The Jonah series is part of a separate endeavour by Makie titled Exploring My Strange Bible. After listening to each episode individually, we would gather to discuss insights and questions that Mackie's presentation raised for us. We would gather about 7pm, and discussion would go from about 7:30 - 8:30. Link to "The Amazing Jonah" podcast series: <https://bibleproject.com/podcasts/series/the-amazing-jonah> If people want to get a quick overview, The Bible Project has a 9 minute animated introduction to the Book of Jonah that can be found here: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/jonah/>

World Café Update: A report on the World Cafe has been received and the visions, ideas and aspirations of St John's have been gathered. It is time to analyze those results and categorize them by priority and feasibility. Parish council has sanctioned the establishment of a subcommittee of no more than 10 volunteers to distill the vision into a

workable recommendation. If you are interested in participating in this process, please speak to Lois Arkell or contact the office. This group will meet soon and for a very limited term.

Altar Guild Flower Fund: We are looking to ways to have flowers placed at our altar more frequently. If you wish to donate to this fund, please place an envelope on the collection plate marked 'Flower Fund'. If you wish to donate flowers directly to the church, please contact Debbie Lewis for more information at 613.284.6111.

2027 Church Calendars: Calendars are now available in the office for sale, and are **\$7** each. Please contact Laura S in the office, if you would like one.

Monday Night Bible Study: We have started a new study on the book "Romans for Everyone: Part 2", by N.T. Wright. Meetings are via Zoom on ***Monday nights at 7.15pm***. Everyone is welcome. Please note that it is **not** a requirement to have read Part 1. If interested, please let Laura S in the Church office know. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Norman at 613.806.6761.

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: The new flooring is expected to be installed, starting the week after Thanksgiving. At last! A bin will remain in the parking lot until the work is completed.

Save the Date: Saturday, November 14th for St John's Christmas Food Fair.

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Baxter Park
Greeters: Linda MacLaren & Faye Moore
Reader/Intercessor: Karen Bryan
Communion Assistant: Kathy Porter
Server: William Mackay
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Oct 11, 2026 ~
DT 8:7-18; PS 65; 2 COR 9:6-15; LK 17:11-19

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am* – Wednesdays 10am

*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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