

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



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**Fifth**  
**Sunday of Easter**

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

# 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**

*Prayer (from Hansel & Gretel) --- Arr. D.*

*Bish*

### **Announcements**

- **Processional (Opening) Hymn,**

- **Greeting**

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- **Children's Talk**

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- **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**

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Acts 8:26-

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Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this

scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22** (sung)

*Tune: Duke*

*St.*

O praise the Lord, you that fear him,  
O Israel's offspring, stand in awe;  
All you who are of Jacob's line  
Give Glory always to the Lord.

The Lord does not despise the poor,  
But when they cry, he hears their plea;  
I will praise God and make my vows,  
I will perform them publicly.

The poor shall eat and have their fill;  
Those who seek God shall give him praise;  
All nations shall turn to the Lord  
And bow before His throne always.

Kingship belongs to God the Lord,  
He rules the nations from his throne;

All those who sleep within the earth  
Bow down to worship him alone.

My soul shall live for him, my heirs  
Shall serve the Lord at his command,  
To people yet unborn make known  
The saving deeds of his right hand.

## **Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen,

cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

• **Gradual Hymn:**

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*(vss. 1 & 2 before the Gospel, vs. 3 & 4 after the Gospel)*

**Holy Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

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.**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

- **Nicene Creed** **p. 188**

### **Prayers of the People**

- **Confession and Absolution** **p. 191**
- **The Peace** **p. 192**

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

- **Offertory Hymn** **482**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God,  
you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

- **Eucharistic Prayer 3** **p. 198**

### **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*) p. 211

• **Breaking of the Bread** 8 p. 213

### **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** 109

• **Hymn after Communion** 74

• **Prayer after Communion**

God of love,  
in this eucharist we have heard your truth  
and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

• **Doxology** p.  
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### **The Blessing**

• **Recessional Hymn** 425

## **Dismissal**

## **Postlude**

*Postlude --- Wm. Hooton*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild is looking for new members (male or female). We work in teams to prepare the vessels, linens and flower decorations for all regular services. There is a roster and teams of volunteers take responsibility on a rotational basis. This is an important and quiet "behind the scenes" ministry that helps to enhance the worship experience at St. John's – and it is both fun and interesting. If this interests you, please contact Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer through the Church office, (613) 283-1261 or Debbie Lewis (613) 284-6111.

### **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to establish a volunteer roster to man the Church office during regular office hours, when the parish secretary is on vacation or is ill. If you are interested, please contact the Church office, (613) 283-1261.

### **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7:15 P.M.**

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.

### **PRAY K7A**

In this season of Christ's glorious resurrection we will gather again on April 28 to pray for Smiths Falls and area. The last Sunday of each month, Christians from across the Smiths Falls area gather to pray for the town, townships and villages, to sing praise to God, and to encourage each other.

This month, **April 28 at 7:00 p.m.**, we'll gather **at the Smiths Falls (Independent) Assembles of God** building, 54 William Street West. We'll be praying generally for the town and area, so please bring your own cares and concerns to pray with the Christian community for God's grace, healing and hope.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on March 20, 2024 are now available for viewing on the St. Johns website: [www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com](http://www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com).

### **GAMES NIGHT**

Friday, May 3, 2024, 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.

### **FUNDRAISER FOR FALLS FOOD HUB**

The Table Community Food Centre is having a fundraiser with a charity casino, prizes, silent auction, delicious fare from local chefs, in support of Falls Food Hub, on May 4, 2024, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95 in Smiths Falls. Falls Food Hub will serve Smiths Falls by providing much needed meals and other practical life skills. Tickets may be purchased online from The Table: \$100.00 each with a \$50.00 charitable donation receipt.

### **VISIT FROM THE BISHOP AND BAPTISM**

In celebration of St. John's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa, will be attending our 10:00 a.m. baptism service on May 5, 2024. There will be a reception to follow the service.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPEN HOUSE AND GRAND OPENING/RIBBON CUTTING**

May 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., Chambers Street (across from Giant Tiger). Political dignitaries will be in attendance and Tammy Mulrooney will speak on

behalf of our Church. St. John's initiated this project and are a major financial supporter.

**PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7:00 p.m.**

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

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Reader: Cindy Penman  
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Pat Lee  
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young  
Readings for next Sunday, May 5, 2024 ~  
Gen 1:1-5,12-19; Ps 92:1-2,11-14; 1 Jn 1:1-9; Jn 20:1-8

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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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