

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH
Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2017

Sung Eucharist ~ 7pm

Merry Christmas!
Welcome to St. John the Evangelist.

If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, arrangements can be made for you receive Communion in your pew. Please speak with a Sidesperson at the entrance to the Church.

All children are invited to come to the chancel steps at the appointed time for the story by the crèche.

HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 7 pm

Prelude

Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
o come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
*Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.***

**God of God, Light of Light!
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Very God, begotten not created: *Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
glory to God in the highest: *Refrain***

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain***

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Tune: Darwall

**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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you.*

Gospeller: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

All: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

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

Hymn Joy to the World

(During the hymn, the children are invited to gather at the chancel steps)

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let wrongs and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Children's Story The Littlest Angel

Hymn Once in Royal David's City

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,
When, like stars, his children crowned all in white shall gather round.**

Intercessions

Please respond to each petition with "Hear our prayer."

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."***

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain.***

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain.***

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to

send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant The gifts of God are for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Everyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive Holy Communion. In the Anglican tradition, receiving in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered to be complete Communion. *The Communion wafers include gluten. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest at the altar rail.*

Communion may be received at either the high altar or at the St. James Chapel altar at the right side of the church.

Communion Hymns

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus – look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in our tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we
can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and
ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn Silent Night

Silent night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,

**with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Readers: nn/nn
Intercessions: nn
Communion Assistants: nn/nn
Servers:
Sidespeople:

Christmas Day

Mon Dec 25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with carols

Please note: The Church Office will be closed on Dec 25 & 26. It will reopen on Wednesday, December 27.

Family New Year's Eve: Sunday December 31 – 6-8pm

Family friendly potluck at St. John's with board games, crafts for the children, a photo booth, noisemakers and the "countdown" at the end of the evening.

Pint & A Passage: Tuesdays @ 7pm

Dig into the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday at the new weekly bible study to be held at Café Whim (on Russell St. W. in the Davidson Courtyard). Bring your bible, an inquiring mind and a willingness to wrestle with the text and what it may be saying to us today. We are taking a break Dec 26 and Jan 2 but will resume Jan 9.

**The flowers in the church are given
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:**

The Rev. Edward Attwell, Jack Attwell &
Beth Attwell
Edna & Ross Barber
Dennis Badour
Gerald & Winnifred Badour
Art & Edith Best
Ken Brown
Delbert & Edith Burns &
son Albert
John & Doreen Cassell
Julia Christie
John & Lillian Clark
Leonard & Irene Clark
Madge Clark
Sarah Clark
Thomas Clark
Thomas Henry Clark
Wilfred & Edith Cole
Harry & Florence Cross and sons John,
Lloyd, Glenn & Larry
Randy & Dan DeGrace
Ernest & Lyla Dowdall
Edna & Davis Good
Arnold & Allan Griffith
Annette & Willis Hagan
Eva & Sidney Hagan
William & Alice Hamilton
David Hall & Leo Donovan
Frank & Marion Harrison
Charles, Carrie, David,
Lyle & Christine Haskin
Jacqueline (McCallum) Hefferman
Alice & Will Hitching
Charles & Mildred Hitching
Marion Hodgins
The Rev. Albert Hoppins

Roy & Edith James
Judy Keays
George Kelly
Grace Kelso
Clarence Kerfoot
Leslie & Kathleen Lewis
Sue Preston Malloy
John Conor McCabe
Allen McCallum
Stella & Vincent McGlynn
Ardele McIntyre
Rose Menzies
Harold & Sarah Millar
Eldon, Jessie, Bob, Stan,
Larry & Joyce Minshull
Barry K, Geoff A, Gerry Neary
The Rev. Doug Norman
Betty Anne Orr
Clifford Orr
Bill & Keitha Porter
Earl, Florence, Joan Porter
Norm Porter
Art Powers
Robert Linden Preston
Luella Randall
Charles & Esther Roberts
Don Robinson
Jane Mary &
William James Smith
Wilhelmina & Lawrence Spencer
Joyce & William Swenson
Boyd Thompson
Norman Tomkinson
Francis Wilkinson
Jim Wilkinson
Tom & Myrtle Wilkinson

ST.JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

2 George Street South, Smiths Falls, Ontario K7A1X4
(613) 283-1261 | stjohns_smithsfalls@bellnet.ca
www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com
www.facebook.com/Saint-John-the-Evangelist-Anglican-Church-Smiths-Falls

Louise Sherry – Church Secretary
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am -12noon

Weekly Liturgies

Wednesdays

10am – Holy Eucharist

Saturdays

5pm – Holy Eucharist

Sundays

8am – Holy Eucharist

10am* – Sung Eucharist

**Sunday School offered for children September - June*

The Right Reverend John H. Chapman – Bishop of Ottawa

The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah – Incumbent Priest & Pastor
catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca | (613) 859-4962

The Reverend Canon Brian Burrows – Honorary Assistant

Sterling Bennett – Organist 283-7833
Paul Howard – Rector's Warden 283-6772
Karen Bryan – People's Warden 284-8149
Robert Fairfield – Deputy Warden
Garry Rodford – Deputy Warden 284-0488
Kay Giff – Envelope Secretary 269-3286
Lydia Dixon – Sunday School 285-9811