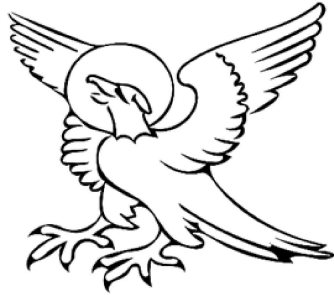


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ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



**First Sunday
After Christmas**

December 29, 2024
Sung Eucharist ~ 10 a.m.
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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

Prelude

Announcements

• **Processional (Opening) Hymn** **143**

• **Greeting** **BAS, p.185**

Children's Talk

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• **Collect for Purity**

Gloria (sung – music can be found in blue hymnal, 365)

**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,
you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Praise to the Lord from all the earth:
Sea monsters, deeps below,
Storm winds, all those who do his will,
Fire, hail, and fog, and snow;

Trees bearing fruit and cedar trees,
All hills and mountains steep;
Beasts of the wild and winged birds,
Cattle and things that creep;

All kings and peoples of the earth,
Princes and rulers, too;
Young men and maidens, old and young,
To him all praise is due.

His splendor spans all earth and heaven;
All those who come to dwell
With him receive both strength and praise:
His people Israel.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-

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As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must

forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Advent Gospel Acclamation by Kate O'Keefe

Chorus sung by all



Verse sung by cantor/choir: A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come down upon the earth.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

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.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual

for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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** **162**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of light,
in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery
grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

• Eucharistic Prayer 3

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), Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



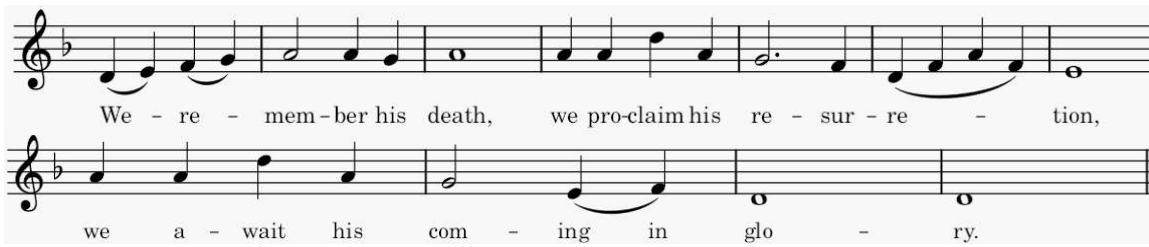
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• **Acclamation**

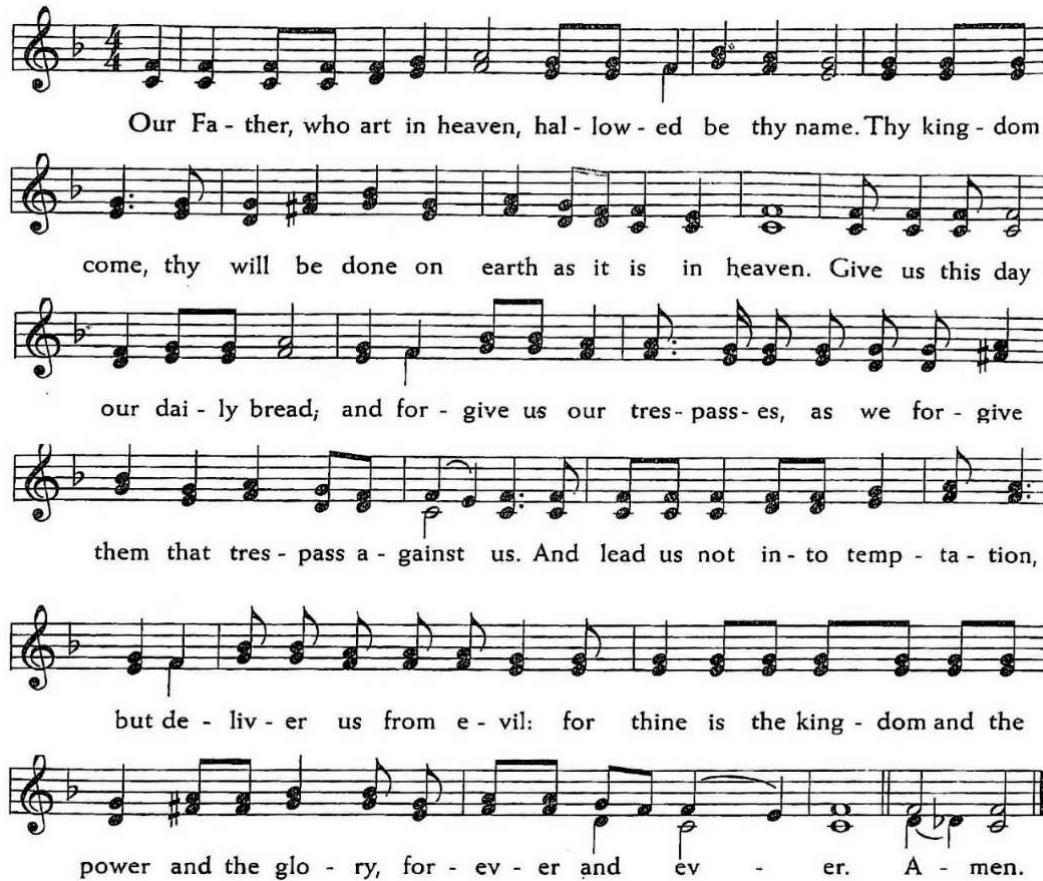
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Two staves of musical notation in a single system. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "We - re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur - re - tion,". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry." The music is in a single system with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

• **The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*)

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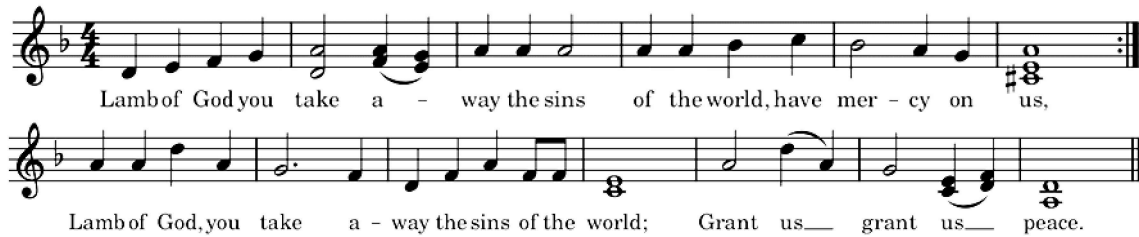
Seven staves of musical notation in a single system. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Our Fa - ther, who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom". The second staff has lyrics: "come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day". The third staff has lyrics: "our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give". The fourth staff has lyrics: "them that tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,". The fifth staff has lyrics: "but de - liv - er us from e - vil: for thine is the king - dom and the". The sixth staff has lyrics: "power and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men." The music is in a single system with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature.

• **Breaking of the Bread 2**

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• **Agnus Dei**

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Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world; Grant us— grant us— 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.

• **Hymns during Communion**

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• **Hymn after Communion**

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• **Prayer after Communion**

Source of truth and joy,
may we who have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

• **Doxology**

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The Blessing

• Recessional Hymn

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Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

175 ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Your Parish Council has been hearing some great ideas of how we could celebrate our 175th anniversary. If you have an idea and are willing to champion the event (plan, promote and execute), please submit a proposal to the Church office with the following information: type of event, approximate date, who will take the lead and resources required. Let's party!

175th Anniversary Hymn

We want to celebrate our 175th in song!

Are you a wordsmith or a poet? Consider sharing your love of St. John's by writing some lyrics for a 175th Anniversary Hymn. Choose your melody from Let All Things Now Living (Hymn #403 BB) OR For the Fruit of all Creation (Hymn #259 BB) Write on your own or as a team. The best of the best may stand alone or be blended with other entries. You have lots of time to be creative – we are aiming for a May reveal! Questions? Check in with someone on the Music Ministry Team.

"ST. JOHN'S TODAY" – NEWSLETTER

We will be providing print and electronic copies of the newsletter. If you wish to receive an electronic copy, please provide your e-mail address on the sheets located in the Canterbury Room and at the North Entrance. You may also call the Church Office (613)283-1261 or e-mail, stjohs.smithsfalls@gmail.com to be placed on the e-mail list.

KEENAGERS

Hosted by the First Baptist Church, this is a fellowship time of prayer, scripture reading, music and guest speakers for individuals 55+. The Smiths Falls Civitan Club. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. Anyone needing a ride may contact Eric Wills 613-283-7007.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are now available to be picked up in the Canterbury Room.

DEC PRAY K7A

In this season joy in the coming of the Light of the World, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, all are invited to gather again on December 29 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. Today, December 29, at 7:00 p.m. we will gather here at St. John's. We'll be praying generally for the town and area, giving thanks for God's gifts of grace and seeking his intercession for the needs and cares of our shared home.

2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

December 31st is on a Wednesday this year. The last day to submit your contributions for 2024 will be Sunday, January 5, 2025. Any cheques, e-transfers, tiths, etc. must be dated no later than December 31, 2024. Offerings submitted after January 5th will be entered as 2025 contributions. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE

Will be closed Monday, December 23 to Friday, Dec. 27, and
Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Reader: Andrew Howard
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Pat Lee
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell

Readings for next Sunday, January 5, 2025 ~
Is 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.

*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

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