

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada

# ST. JOHN

## THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



Second Sunday  
In Lent

March 16, 2025  
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

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## Children's Talk

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- **Collect for Purity** **BAS, p.185**

## Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross,  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a

covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 27**

*Tune: Rockingham*

My light, my Savior is the Lord,  
Of whom should I have any fear?  
He is the stronghold of my life,  
Whom should I dread if he is near?

When evildoers sought my life  
And in their malice drew around,  
My adversaries and my foes  
Stumbled themselves, fell to the ground.

Though hostile tents encircle me,  
My heart will never be dismayed;  
Though war rise up against my life,  
I will trust God, not be afraid.

One thing alone I ask of God:  
To dwell in his most holy place,  
To seek him in his holy court  
And see his beauty face to face.

For when the day of trouble comes  
He hides me in his secret place;  
He sets me high upon a rock  
Above my foes and keeps me safe.

God, even now, has raised my head  
Above all those who would destroy;  
Therefore I will rejoice and sing

And sacrifice with shouts of joy.

**Second Reading**  
4:1

Philippians 3:17-

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

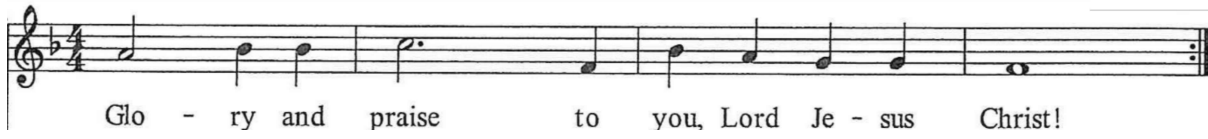
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

by Kate O'Keefe

*Chorus sung by all*



*Verse sung by cantor or choir.*

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Luke 13:31-31**

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.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

### **• Nicene Creed**

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### **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** 505

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom,  
may the light of the eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
guide us to your glory.  
We ask this in his name.  
**Amen.**

- **Eucharistic Prayer 3** p. 198

### Sursum Corda



*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it.

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

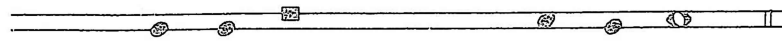
*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

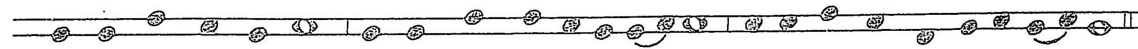
## Sanctus (sung)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,  
 heav - en and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O  
 Lord most high. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
 name of the Lord: Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Acclamation



elebrant There-fore, Father, according to his com-mand,



ll we re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion, we a-wait his com-ing in glo - ry;

### •The Lord's Prayer (said)

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### •Breaking of the Bread 7

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## Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world:  
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way  
the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,  
that tak-est a-way the sin of the world: grant us thy 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**

Beginnings Insert

• **Hymn after Communion**

Beginnings Insert

• **Prayer after Communion**

- Creator of heaven and earth,
- we thank you for these holy mysteries,
- which bring us now a share in the life to come,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

• **Doxology**

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**The Blessing**

• **Recessional Hymn**

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**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MONDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY resumed on February 3rd.**

The selection, How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth: Fourth Edition by authors Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, is available from Amazon and Indigo. Everyone is welcome to join us for learning, the free exchange of ideas, and fun. Participants meet for an hour via Zoom beginning at 7:15. If interested, please contact Kathy Rycroft, our Parish Secretary. We hope to see you!

### **SMITHS FALLS FOOD BANK**

Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. They will be collected after the third Sunday of each month, and delivered to the Food Bank. Any questions, contact Debbie Lewis, (613) 284-6111.

### **PRAY K7A**

Come and pray for Smiths Falls and area Sunday, March 30, 7:00 pm at Calvary Bible Church. We'll be praying generally for the town and area, giving thanks for God's gifts of grace and seeking his intercession and guidance for the needs and cares of our area.

### **"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, [stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com) to be placed on the e-mail list.

### **175th ANNIVERSARY FINALE!**

On Sunday, May 4th, an afternoon of uplifting music will be hosted by St. John's. Musicians/singers from several churches will join us in celebration of our special milestone. A reception will follow. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details!

### **CURSILLO WEEKEND**

A men's cursillo weekend is being offered May 9 -11th. Cursillo is a weekend retreat with a focus on Christian living. If you desire to live your faith in the world around you, Cursillo may be right for you. If you'd like more information, see Trish Warren.

### **GAMES NIGHT**

**Friday, April 4, 5:30 pm**

Please join us for some games, good and fellowship! Bring your friends and bring your games! A warm meal will be provided and a few games available to choose from. Contact Laura Porter if you have any questions.

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Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Reader: Trish Warren  
Communion Assistants: Mike McCulloch & Pat Lee  
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young  
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan  
Organist: Sterling Bennett

Readings for next Sunday, March 23, 2025 ~  
Is 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Lk 13:1-9



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Kathryn Rycroft – Parish Secretary

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

## **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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