



The Second Sunday of Easter April 12th, 2026—10:00 a.m.

Welcome.

This church is a place of prayer and encounter with God. The stones of these walls have sheltered people seeking the presence of the Holy One for almost two centuries. This place of worship has been made hallowed by the prayers of generations and you are welcome to join your heart and voice to theirs.

St John's is an inclusive community of faith in the Anglican tradition: we welcome saints and sinners, people of faith and of no faith, people who are sure they know everything and those who are full of questions. All persons may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender identities and sexual orientations, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

As we gather for worship we acknowledge that we are in Nogojiwanong, the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, the Original inhabitants and stewards of this part of the Creation, on whose land and by whose waters we gather by the Williams Treaty to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

Preludes Piano Impression on “O Sons and Daughters” Richard Lind
Reflections on “O Filii et Filiae” Robert Grandy, Cantabile Ringers

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 215—Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Ave Virgo Virginum

The Greeting

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Collect for Purity

Presider 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 in Excelsis

Hymn 702

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth. peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Final Refrain*

Collect of the Day

Presider Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and this planet you have created for our home; and that we may walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life and Creator of the universe; with whom you live and reign in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish Bicentenary

Presider God of life and love, who put into the hearts of our ancestors in faith the building of a church in this place: we give you thanks and praise for your steadfast mercy through the generations; for the calling of this parish of St John the Evangelist to serve the needs of our neighbours and to proclaim the good news of your kingdom. In our bicentennial year, renew in us our zeal for your mission: let us be generous, compassionate, and faithful servants of the gospel and wise stewards of the heritage handed down to us, that this place and its people may be a light upon the hill, showing forth your love to all who see it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Congregation sits.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and

foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

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The Cantor sings the verses. The Congregation joins in the refrain (R).

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. **R**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. **R**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 224—Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

Richmond

Gospel Acclamation (*sung before and after the Gospel*)

Hymn 715

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Gospeller May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.**

Gospeller When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his

hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The Congregation stands with the Presider.*

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please turn to the people around you and exchange a sign of God's peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST





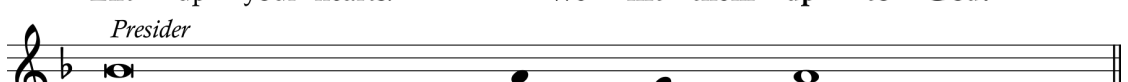
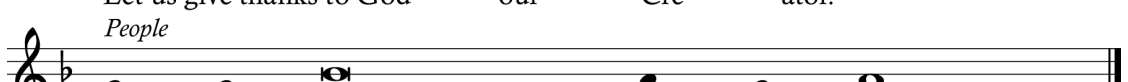
At the Offertory, gifts of bread and wine, signs of the fruit of human labour, are brought to the altar to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, signs of God's love for the world. The money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives, collected before the liturgy, is blessed. If you are participating in worship online, please consider making your offering through one of the means available at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate.

Prayer over the Gifts


Presider God our strength and our salvation, receive all that we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
May God be with you.	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them up to God.
<i>Presider</i>	
	
Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.	
<i>People</i>	
	
It is right to offer thanks and praise.	

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your Name:


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

Hea - ven and earth of your glo - ry are full. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. high - est. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your beloved children.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory,**

Presider

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and with it ourselves: a single, holy living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas the Apostle, the apostles and prophets, and of all our beloved ones living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin
 a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider Live in us that we may live in you.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Presider Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. In this Eucharist, many are made one.

Fraction Anthem

49, v 1 and 2

Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
Saved by his bod - y, hal - lowed by his blood,
and drink with faith the blood for you out - poured.
with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.

The Congregation sits.

Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward in single file to the High Altar rail and return to your seat via the Sacristy. Those who find steps difficult may receive Communion in the Lady Chapel and those who find walking difficult may request that Communion be brought to them. Gluten free Hosts are available upon request. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may indicate their desire by crossing their arms over their breast when they approach the Presider.

Hymns: 232—Jesus Is Risen From the Grave

Childer

May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

Omni Die

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and our Maker's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
held together by the Word,
and possess in rich communion
joys which earth cannot afford.

Anthem "We Walk By Faith"

Anne Krentz Organ

We walk by faith, and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke: My peace be with you here. We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found. For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, alt.

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord,
All and your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 210—Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

Maccabaeus

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia! Followers of Jesus,
inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia!

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Postlude “Risen Lord”, from A Triptych for Holy Week

Joel Raney

Today's Music

PRELUDES: : “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!” is a beloved Easter hymn of triumph and resurrection, originally written in Latin (O Filii et Filiae) by Franciscan monk Jean Tisserand (d. 1494) and translated into English by John Mason Neale in 1851. Set to a joyful 15th-century French melody, this classic Alleluia hymn has been sung in Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and other churches for centuries. Because of its verse concerning Thomas doubting the disciples’ words about Jesus’ resurrection, it is often sung on this second Sunday of Easter. American organist and composer Richard Lind wrote a setting of this hymn in his piano collection entitled “Piano Impressions for Worship” Lind studied at North Park College and the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, majoring in organ, composition, and music theory. At the age of 20, he worked with Leo Sowerby and became his assistant at the Cathedral of St. James, Chicago. He succeeded his mentor, Dr. Sowerby, as Organist-Choirmaster at the cathedral two years later. He is currently Organist at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Schaumburg, Illinois. His majestic setting opens with a section using block chords. A quieter melodic treatment of the tune follows, after which the tune is heard in a two-part canon (or round). Sweeping left-hand passages then accompany the tune, heading to a short repeat of the block chords and then a quiet conclusion.

My 2017 composition, Reflections on “O Filii et Filiae” was written for the Handbell Choir at the former Trinity United Church. This piece requires the use of handbells as well as handchimes. The work opens with tower-swung triads, followed by block chords and a straightforward setting of the tune. The opening triad section appears several times throughout the work, as an interlude between statements of the tune on bells and on chimes.

ANTHEM: Anne Krentz Organ’s “We Walk by Faith” fits beautifully with the Gospel reading for the Sunday after Easter. Her original tune brings a fresh perspective to this hymn text by Henry Alford (1810-1871). The work is scored for piano and just a two-part mixed choir, making it an easy anthem to prepare, when recent choir rehearsals have had to focus on music for Passion Week and Easter Sunday.

POSTLUDE: The service concludes with another piano selection entitled “Risen Lord”, the third movement of A Triptych for Holy Week by the American composer Joel Raney (b. 1956). Since 1999 he has taken the church music scene by storm, with over 250 titles in print, primarily with Hope Publishing where he serves as Editor. His innovative style and inspired arranger's instincts put his numerous choral anthems, musicals and cantatas, handbell compositions, piano solos, and instrumental works at the top of sales charts year after year. In this piece, you will hear the hymns “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” and “Crown Him with Many Crowns”, among much original music. The joyful feeling of Easter is illustrated right at the start of the piece with its rhythmic opening section. The two hymns appear near the middle of the piece, back to back. The opening music returns and builds over and over again to a triumphant conclusion.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Robert Grandy
Greeters	John Perkins and Dianne Meittinen
Cantor	Robyn Hawthorne
Crucifer	Cathy Brunger
Sacrist	Ian Storey
Server	Sam Harvey
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Intercessor	Ian Storey
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Welcome!

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth, who may remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. Families are most welcome to use the activities in the children's area in the church and to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children.

On Posture in Worship

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. Some people prefer to kneel to pray. Please adopt the posture that helps you to worship.

Visitor's Cards

If you're visiting, please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the rack on the bookcase in the Chapel. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

Making an Offering (Donation)

To support the ministry of the parish, an offering may be made by placing cash or a cheque in an envelope available where you picked up this order of service. Please write your name and address on the envelope, then place it on the brass offering plate. Tax receipts are issued for gifts of \$25 or more. We also have a convenient pre-authorised giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to office@stjohnspeterborough.ca. Please visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for more information.

Accessibility

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance, from where all levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

Washrooms/Change Table

Accessible washrooms are located down the hall from the narthex (lobby). A change table is in the nursery at the end of the hall.

Fragrances

We ask that you refrain from wearing strong fragrances in order to accommodate those with breathing sensitivities.

Fellowship & Refreshments

All are welcome to stay after the liturgy for fellowship and refreshments in the Guild Hall.