



The Third Sunday of Easter April 19th, 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 “Victory” and “Victimae Paschali Laudes”

Wilbur Held

from Six Preludes on Easter Hymns

Musings on “Engleberg”

Paul L. Wright

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 212—Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

Victory

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.**

Invocation

Presider Come, come O Christ, and stand in our midst as you did stand in the midst of your disciples, and speak to us words of peace.

Peace to each woman, peace to each man.

All **Peace to each family, peace to each child.**

Presider Peace to the creatures, peace to the nations.

All **Peace in our hearts, peace in our world.**

Presider Come, come O Christ, and stand in our midst as you did stand in the midst of your disciples, and speak to us words of peace.

Come to us from the heart of God.

All **Come to us from the garden of our beginnings.**

Presider Come to us from the centre of this moment.

All **Come to us from the depths of our soul.**

Presider Come, come O Christ, and stand in our midst as you did stand in the midst of your disciples, and speak to us words of peace.

Prayers of Penitence

Presider In this season of rejoicing that God is making all things new through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, we repent for the human sin that stands in the way of the restoration of the Creation.

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity; yet we have misused the earth and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider You have brought order out of chaos, light in darkness, good out of evil, but we have preferred darkness in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name. Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider You have showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others and lacking in generosity in word and deed. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will, and give you the joy of the kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **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 Lord of Creation and host of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: illuminate our hearts with Scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared, and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world.

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,36-41

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and call on the name of the Lord.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. **R**

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life." **R**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 456—He Comes to Us As One Unknown

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen

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

Luke 24:13-35

Gospeller May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Gospeller Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to

which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Congregation sits.

Reflection and Congregational Engagement

Janet Marshall

During this time, after a reflection on the Gospel, Janet will invite us into a time of listening and recognizing God on our journey. We will engage in conversation with those around us as we consider the following questions. At the end there will be a couple of minutes of silence for you to write down what you heard.

For church members:

- What keeps you coming to St John? What nurtures your connection to this congregation?
- What nurtures and supports your faith?
- Are there other people you care about, either inside or outside the church, who have needs for what St John's offers you?

For non-church members:

- Are there any individuals or groups with whom you explore the spiritual questions of life?
- What nurtures and supports your spirit?

After the conversations, the Congregation stands with the Presider.

An Affirmation of Faith

Presider We affirm our faith as we say:

All **We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Sharing of the Peace

Presider You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

Hymn 502—You Are Salt for the Earth

Bring Forth the Kingdom

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider Great Creating Spirit from whom all life comes forth: here we gather again with bread and wine, seeking your presence, longing once more to be nourished, hungering for wholeness in our lives, for unity on earth and for peace among the nations.

All **Here we gather with bread and wine:
work of human hands, fruit of God's creation.**

Presider Here we gather with creation's elements all around us, with earth, air, fire, and water still expanding through the universe, with the glory of the sun, the whiteness of the moon, the glittering of heaven's lights off flowing waters.

All **Here we gather with bread and wine:
work of human hands, fruit of God's creation.**

Presider Here we gather with the firm fecundity of the earth, the growing and greening of trees, creatures of the day and night, birds of the air, all full of your glory, all bearers of your presence, all part of the great harmony that we long to touch and taste and become one with again.

All **Here we gather with bread and wine:
work of human hands, fruit of God's creation.**

Presider So with everything that we see and sense around us, with visible and invisible energies that pulse with life, we join our souls in the song that vibrates throughout the whole of creation:

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 Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God. Your presence fills all things. Yet what have we done?

All **Creation marred by neglect and abuse,
life forms torn forever out of the fabric of the universe;
nature ravaged, wealth wasted, earth's community divided,
nations at war, communities fractured, families broken,
the human soul sick and far from home.
Great Creating Spirit, hear our plea for mercy,
hear our prayers for the earth.**

Presider Into our brokenness came the memory of wholeness; into our fear came the messenger of love: Christ born among us, one with us, child of heaven, son of womankind, bearer of forgiveness, healer of our nature, teacher of wisdom, prophet of peace, rejected by the religious, crucified by the state, companion of our soul, lover of the earth.

With his disciples at table on the night of his arrest, Jesus blessed the bread and said, 'This is my body, broken for you.' With his disciples at table on the night of his arrest, Jesus blessed the wine and said, 'This is my lifeblood, poured out for you.'

All Come upon us with your Spirit, O God, and upon this bread of the earth.
May it feed our longings for peace.

Presider Come upon us with your Spirit, O God, and upon this cup of unity.

All **May it set us free to love.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And, now, as Jesus taught us, we pray,

All **Ground of all being,
Mother of life,
Father of the universe.
May we know your presence here,
seeking your will upon the earth.**

**Grant all your creatures food for today
and strength for our families.
Pardon our falseness
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our need
but lead us to new birth.
For the glory of life and the light of life are yours forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

All **Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.**

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

Hymn 49, v 1, 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.

Hymn: 85—Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St Agnes

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease.**

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, his arms to us he opened wide.
For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

Anthem “Be Known To Us” Robert J. Powell; soloist Dave Freeman, Bass
*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart. Saviour, abide, abide with us,
and spread thy table in our heart. There sup with us in love divine, thy body and thy blood, that
living bread, that heav'nly wine be our immortal food.* Words: James Montgomery

Solo “But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own” Felix Mendelssohn; Alex Meinhardt, Bass
*And he journeyed with companions towards Damascus, and had authority and command from
the high Priest, that he should bring them bound, men and women, unto Jerusalem. But the Lord
is mindful of His own, He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord
is near us.* Words: Acts 9:2; Psalm 115:12; 2 Timothy 2:19; Phillippians 4:5

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

Today's Music

PRELUDES: “Six Preludes on Easter Hymns” by the prolific American composer and organist **Wilbur Held** (1914-2015) capture the joy and triumph of Easter. Each prelude is very accessible and good for anytime in the Easter season. “**The Strife Is O'er**” is a prelude on the hymn-tune “Victory” by the Italian Renaissance composer Giovanni Palestrina. Using mixtures and reeds on the organ, this piece illustrates the triumph of the Easter season. In contrast to this is his quiet setting of the plainsong chant “**Victimae Paschali Laudes**”, (Christians to the Pascal Victim), also known as “The Easter Sequence”. Registered for soft flutes, strings, and a solo stop, this flowing setting captures the mystery of the Easter season. Held was a Chicago-born composer who studied in the “Windy City” and later became the Assistant-Organist at the noted St. James Cathedral under Leo Sowerby, another well-known American organ composer. From 1946 to 1976, he taught at Ohio State University, where for most of that time he was the Organist-Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus. Today's strong final hymn, “**Engelberg**” receives a gentler treatment in British composer **Paul L. Wright's** setting. Wright (b. 1951) had a long association with Coventry Cathedral, first as Assistant Organist and later as Organist and Director of Music. Since 1987, he has conducted over 300 programs in the BBC series, "Songs of Praise." His setting opens with snippets of the tune on quiet flute and celeste stops. The melody appears later on a soft diapason stop. The work builds and subsides several times, ending very quietly.

ANTHEM: “**Be Known To Us**” is a short Communion anthem by the American composer **Robert J. Powell** (1932-2025), who composed in nearly all genres common to church music, including anthems, service music, hymn concertatos, organ music, music for handbell choir, and large-scale oratorios. His conservative, neo-Romantic style stemmed from his practical approach to composition. According to Powell himself, he wrote for "choirs of twenty-five because that's what most choirs are. When you come right down to it, most choirs are not of cathedral ability or size. My pieces are all practical things and useful for specific occasions.” This quiet anthem features two solo lines for a bass voice, along with music for the traditional four-part church choir.

SOLO: **Felix Mendelssohn** (1809-1847) was known for a flowing, lyrical style in all of his works. His oratorio "Saint Paul" stands as a singularly wonderful showcase for his talent as a composer. The Aria “**But the Lord is Mindful of His Own**” with its preceding Recitative, is a tremendous comfort, and coming as it does between Saul “breathing threats and murder” and the conversion of Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, it reminds us that no matter how bad things get, God has a plan. The piece is rather short, but it lingers in the memory for both its tremendous message and its inimitable beauty.

POSTLUDE: During the last years of his life, Anglo-Irish composer **Charles Villiers Stanford** (1852-1924) wrote several small-scale organ compositions. One such set was his “Six Occasional Preludes”, probably written in 1921. In these six miniatures, he experimented with tonalities that he did not use previously - in particular French-style harmonic progressions, akin to the rich chromaticism of the organ music of César Franck. “**At Eastertide**” is the third of the set and uses parts of the Easter hymn-tune “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”. A section of the melody is heard at the outset in the pedals. This fragment is taken up by the manuals. The opening march-like tempo continues throughout most of the piece. Rather than a straightforward setting of the tune, Stanford uses parts of the familiar hymn as fodder for this imaginative work – definitely “postludial” in character rather than “preludial”. The work finishes with slow stretched-out treatment of one of the lines of the hymn.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Robert Grandy
Greeters	Mary Ann Hall and Alan Brunger
Cantor	Alex Meinhardt
Crucifer	Bobby Kelly
Sacrist	Caelan McMurray
Server	Avery Tucker
Readers	Mary Ann Hall and Chris Freeman
Intercessor	Karen Turner
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Lady Chapel Chalice Administrator	Barb Smith
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A/V	Andrew Vreugdenhil

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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.