



Easter Day 2026



Easter Day: The Resurrection of Jesus **April 5th, 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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Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 702

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
to stanzas 1-3 final ending
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 God of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, 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 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

118:1-2, 14-24

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

On this day our God has act - ed; we will re - joice and be glad.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Give thanks to God who is good; whose mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "God's mercy endures for ever." **R**

God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Most High has triumphed! the right hand of the Most High is exalted! the right hand of the Mighty One has triumphed!" **R**

The Gospel of the Resurrection

John 20:1-18

Gospeller May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Gospeller Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my god and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

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 Peace

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

People **And also with you.**

A sign of God's peace is shared with those around.

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 405—Alleluia No. 1

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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

Presider May God be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.

People **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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

All **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.

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 vv 1-4, 7



Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord, and
Saved by his bod - y, hal - lowed by his blood, with
Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son, by
Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere, and
Be - fore your pre - sence, Lord all peo - ple bow. In



drink with faith the blood for you out - poured.
souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
this your feast of love be with us now.

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: 60—I Come With Joy
73—One Bread, One Body

Land of Rest
One Bread, One Body

Anthem “I Am the Resurrection” Kevin Hildebrand

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25-26

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

A Time for Celebration and Thanksgiving

On the first Sunday of each month, members of the Congregation are invited to name aloud significant dates in their lives at this time— anniversaries of birth, marriage, etc.—and other occasions for celebration.

Once all have been named, the Doxology is sung.

Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;



give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.

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 206—Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Llanfair

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: We welcome back guest trumpeter Pat Remy to St. John's. Pat learned the trumpet from her public school principal who was a Salvation Army trumpet player. She later took private lessons and passed her Grade 10 exam. Moving to Switzerland, she played in a brass ensemble which did exclusively sacred music, mainly for what was called the Vesper brass call from the tower of the Minster in Basel. Since moving back to Peterborough, she has played in the Concert Band, a quintet called Vintage Brass, two stage bands, a Dixie group, and most recently founded Jazz Junction, a sextet which plays standards. Pat will offer an arrangement of the hymn "**Thine Is the Glory**" – original music by Handel from his oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus". The arranger is **Dallas Blair**, a trumpet recitalist, free-lance performer and founding member of the Celebration Brass Quintet of Saint Louis. His performing experience includes many noted orchestra and brass bands in the States and the United Kingdom. For twenty years he served as trumpet instructor at Washington University and is a member of the St. Louis Wind Symphony. He holds several music degrees from various universities. His compositions for chorus and band and his collections of hymns for trumpet and organ have been widely performed. This arrangement gives the melody to both the trumpet and the organ. After an introduction based on the first phrase of the hymn, the melody is heard mainly on the trumpet. The tune is then transposed to a minor key. The piece concludes with a section featuring an embellished melody line.

The 1685 tune "**Vruechten**" is commonly sung to the hymn "This joyful Eastertide". It forms the basis for this Prelude on "**Vruechten**", a lively and celebratory piece by Alan Bullard (b. 1947), a busy English composer of vocal, choral and instrumental music. His setting begins on mild foundation stops, interspersed with louder block chords. Later the tune appears stretched out in the pedals under the melody in regular time. The first six notes of the melody appear at the end of the piece, once again housed in block chords, for a strong and majestic ending.

INTROIT: "**Good News!**" is a short and rhythmic introit for Easter Sunday by **Sheila Carter** (Tyrell), former organist at St. Barnabas' Church. This brief setting of her own words captures the excitement of that first Easter morn.

PSALM: Today's psalm refrain was written by **George Black** (1931-2003), a university professor who specialized in French literature and church music and served on several national Anglican church committees. He was a member of the editorial committee that worked on the *Book of Alternative Services*. He chaired the task force that crafted the hymn book *Common Praise* and, since he was a composer, he was also a contributor to it. He also led workshops and conferences on worship and music in 18 Canadian dioceses as well as for such organizations as the Canadian Liturgical Society, the Royal Canadian College of Organists and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. In 1990, General Synod awarded Mr. Black the Anglican Award of Merit. He was the organist at several prominent Toronto and London churches during his long career. His setting of verse from Psalm 118 uses the Easter hymn-tune "Vulpius" as the refrain.

ANTHEM: The spirit of Easter is elevated in "**I Am the Resurrection**", a lively anthem by the American composer by Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973), a noted teacher and organist in the Lutheran denomination in the States. His rhythmic anthem captures the essence of renewal and joy, with inspiring music that resonates with the hope of resurrection. The opening and closing Baroque-sounding sections envelope a smoother quieter middle section.

POSTLUDE: Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) was a famous French organist, composer and teacher. As a composer, he is known for his ten organ symphonies, especially the **Toccata** of his fifth organ symphony, which is frequently played as recessional music at weddings and at Easter and Christmas celebrations. Often referred to as just Widor's Toccata because it is his most famous piece, in its entirety it lasts around six minutes. It served as a model for numerous other French composers. Because of its length and difficulty, it is not always suitable as a service postlude. British organist and composer **Colin Hand** (1929-2015) made an arrangement of it in 1994 for church use. Hand's arrangement still contains the energy and rhythmic nature of the original.



Easter

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Memorial Flowers

**The Decorations in the Church
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Barlow from 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.