



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16th, 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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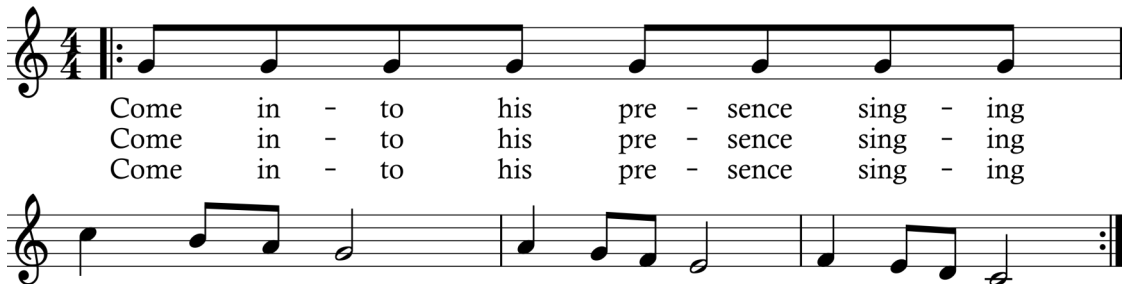
THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather in this place in person and virtually and 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.

Prelude “Allegro ma non presto” from the *Trio Sonata in G major*, BWV 1039 J.S. Bach
 “Menuet” from *Petite Suite* Claude Debussy

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn Come Into His Presence



The musical notation is in 4/4 time, starting with a repeat sign. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in three lines, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Come in - to his pre - sence sing - ing
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

The Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us take a moment in silence to reflect on and be grateful for the times this week that we, in thought, word, and action, encouraged or participated in the growth of God's Kingdom of love, peace, and justice. *(silence)*

Let us take a moment in silence to reflect on and confess the times this week that we, in thought, word, and action, ignored, discouraged, or worked against the growth of God's Kingdom of love, peace, and justice. *(silence)*

Presider Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Presider pronounces the absolution, to which all answer, "Amen."

Collect of the Day

Presider God of the nations, all are invited to your table, for in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy our hunger and mercifully extend to all people the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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).



The Lord has or-dained the bles-sing: life for ev - er - more.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **R.**

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

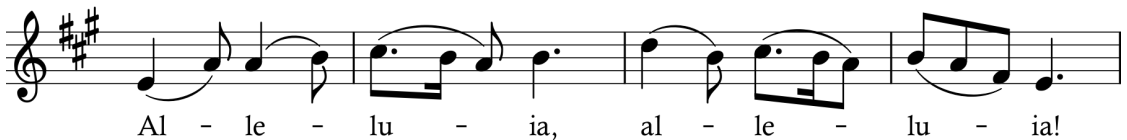
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 484—In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

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



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

Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

Gospeller

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

People

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Presider.*

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

**I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

**I will persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

**I will proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ.**

**I will seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving my neighbours as myself.**

**I will strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being.**

**I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of 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.

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.

Hymn 372—Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Richmond

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Beloved God, you spread before us a table of plenty, and give us the cup of new life to drink. Receive all we offer this day with our grateful thanks and praise, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each with a staff and lyrics below. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation uses quarter notes, half notes, and whole notes, with rests indicated by a stylized 'X' symbol.

Part	Lyrics
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 It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every

generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Presider

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

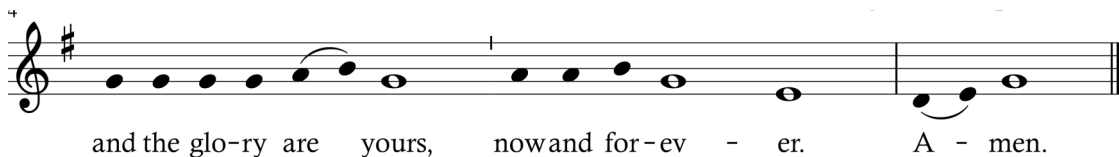
All

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,



Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

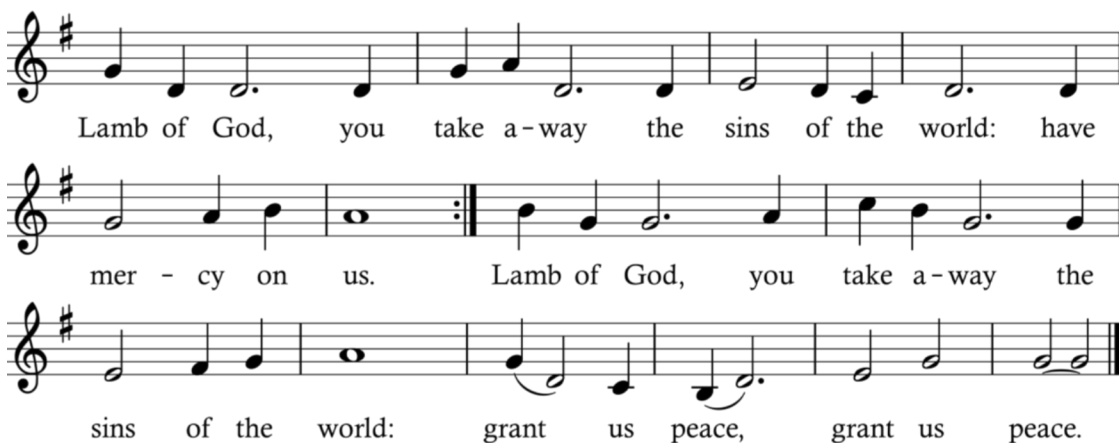
All **Thanks be to God.**

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

745

The Congregation sits.



Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward to the Nave altar in single file to receive the Bread from the Presider and then move to the first available Chalice Administrator to receive the Wine. Gluten free Hosts are available upon request. Those who find walking difficult may request that Communion be brought to them. 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.

Communion Meditation: "Adagio e piano" from the *Trio Sonata in G major*, BWV 1039, J.S. Bach

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 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

The Ash Grove

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

Dismissal

Presider

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

All



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 "Cortège" from *Petite Suite*

Claude Debussy

TODAY'S MUSIC

We welcome back violinist Deborah Henderson and flautist Fred Cory to St. John's, two long-time friends and musical colleagues of mine.

PRELUDE: The *Sonata in G major* for two flutes and basso continuo, BWV 1039, is a trio sonata by Johann Sebastian Bach. It is a version, for a different instrumentation, of the *Gamba Sonata*, BWV 1027. The first, second and fourth movement of these sonatas also exist as a trio sonata for organ. In today's rendition, the second flute part is being played on the violin, as is often done, by the number of available recordings. This Sonata was composed sometime between 1736 and 1741 while Bach was living in Leipzig. Today as part of the prelude, you will hear the second movement, marked "Allegro ma non presto" (fast but not too fast). The flute opens followed by the violin in imitation.

Moving to the piano, we have the "Minuet" from French composer Claude Debussy's *Petite Suite*. Originally written for piano four hands, the *Suite* was transcribed for two flutes and piano in 2008 by Pascal Proust for the "Third French Convention for Flutes" that year. The original *Suite* was written by Debussy between 1886 and 1889. It may have been written due to a request (possibly from the Durand Publishing Company) for a piece that would be accessible to skilled amateurs, as its simplicity is in stark contrast with the modernist works that Debussy was writing at the time. The "Minuet" is the third movement, and is to be played at a moderate pace.

COMMUNION MEDITATION: The third movement of the Bach *Sonata in G Major* is marked "Adagio e piano" (slow and quiet). Here some of Bach's harmonic progressions are quite unusual for their time. Once again, the flute opens this movement, followed by the violin in imitation.

POSTLUDE: Returning to Debussy's *Petite Suite*, you will hear the second movement entitled "Cortège". Also to be played at a moderate pace, this transcription has quite a bit of interplay between the two instruments and the piano.

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*The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jean E. Harvey
from Matthew, Joelle, Sam and Isaac*

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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.