



CHURCH OF
ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1st, 2021—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, 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

Prelude

The Greeting

Officiant 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.**

Land Acknowledgement

Officiant 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.

Hymn 524—O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth.
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own;
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak;
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin,
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he, who once was dead,
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

The Penitential Rite

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour. *Silence.*

All God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Introductory Responses

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

All **and your glory all day long.**

Officiant Christ has triumphed over death:

All **O come let us worship.**

Officiant Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

All **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he

had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

51:1-13

Officiant

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

People

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Officiant

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

People

**Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

Officiant

And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

People

**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

Officiant

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly

People **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Officiant Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

People **Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Officiant Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

People **Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Officiant Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

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

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,
 through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
 Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:
 trusting God, we march together stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,
 chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
 one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
 one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
 one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:
 one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
 where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

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May God be with you.
And also with you.

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People

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

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When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

People The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon. If you missed part of the sermon or would like to listen to it again, it will be posted on our website in the Worship section.

Affirmation of Faith and the Baptismal Covenant

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

All **I believe in one 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

The Prayers of the People

Officiant Give us the joy of your saving help again, O God,

All **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant God of Moses, who rained down bread on Israel's wandering people: lead us to the food that never leaves us craving, but fills our whole humanity with life enough for all; through Jesus Christ, the true bread of heaven, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (translated from Maori)

Officiant Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen.

Announcements and Offering



Although we are not gathering for worship and other parish activities at this time, our ministry is continuing. As part of your worship today, please consider making an offering to support St John's work and witness. You can visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for options including e-transfers and online giving through CanadaHelps, or scan the QR Code to the left with your mobile device. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

Offertory Music

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Blessing

Hymn 447—Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

Blaenwern

Lord, we hear your word with gladness: you have spoken—we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!

You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then, as living letters, we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve God and God's people!

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

The Coffee Hour meets online at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/coffee between 11:00 and noon.

Liturgical Ministers

Officiant
Preacher
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The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
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Julie Deck

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The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
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Welcome!

COVID-19 Protocols

Please see the Pandemic Protocols for the Amber Stage poster highlighting precautions to be taken for in-person worship.

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth. They are welcome to 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. At this time, due to restrictions around COVID-19, we are unable to offer nursery services or the Sunday School. Families are most welcome to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children if they wish.

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

Please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the pocket at the aisle end of your pew. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

Assistive Hearing Devices

If you are hard of hearing, headsets to assist you to hear the service are available. Please ask a Greeter or Sidesperson (usher) to assist you in finding and operating a headset.

Accessibility

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance. There are three accessible parking spots in the upper lot off Brock St. The church is level with the Brock St entrance and all other levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

Washrooms/Change Table

Fully accessible washrooms are located down the hall to the right as you enter the lobby from Brock St. 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.