

CHURCH OF
ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22nd, 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

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee—G. Neumark, arr. Gail Smith

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 620—How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

St. Peter

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treasury,
filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

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

1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43

Reader A reading from the First Book of Kings

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There

shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’
 Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

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Officiant How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

People **The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Officiant Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.

People **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Officiant Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

People **They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Officiant LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.

People **Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

Officiant For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

People **For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

Officiant No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

People **O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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Hymn 69—We Who Live by Sound and Symbol

Chartres

We who live by sound and symbol, we who learn from sight and word,
find these married in the person of the one we call our Lord.
Taking bread to be his body, taking wine to be his blood,
he let thought take flesh in action; he let faith take root in food.



Not just once with special people, not just hidden deep in time,
but wherever Christ is followed, earthly fare becomes sublime.
Though to sound this seems a mystery, though to sense it seems absurd,
yet in faith, which seems like folly, we meet Jesus Christ our Lord.

God, our Maker, send your Spirit to pervade the bread we break.
Let it bring the life we long for and the love which we forsake.
Bind us closer to each other, both forgiving and forgiven;
give us grace in this and all things to discern the hand of heaven.

Gospel

John 6:56-69

Officiant
People

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Officiant
People

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

Officiant

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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 Lord, to whom can we go?

All **O Lord God of hosts, hear our prayer.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant Gracious God, although we once were strangers, you receive us as friends and draw us home to you. Set your living bread before us, so that we may be strengthened to continue the work your Son has commissioned us to do; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father 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 I will sing of Thy great mercies—Mendelssohn Cole Hayward
So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost, departing thence, delay'd not, and preached the Word of God with joyfulness. I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, of Thy mercies, O Lord, my Saviour, I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, and of Thy faithfulness evermore, I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, and of Thy faithfulness, and of Thy faithfulness, and of Thy faithfulness evermore, I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, and of Thy faithfulness evermore, and of Thy faithfulness evermore, evermore.

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Blessing

Hymn 348—The Living God Be Praised

Leoni

The living God be praised!
Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
for aye the same;
the one eternal God
ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought
God's timeless years!

Without a form is God,
nor can we comprehend
the measure of God's love for us
without an end.
For God is Lord of all,
creation speaks God's praise;
the human race and all that lives
God's will obeys.

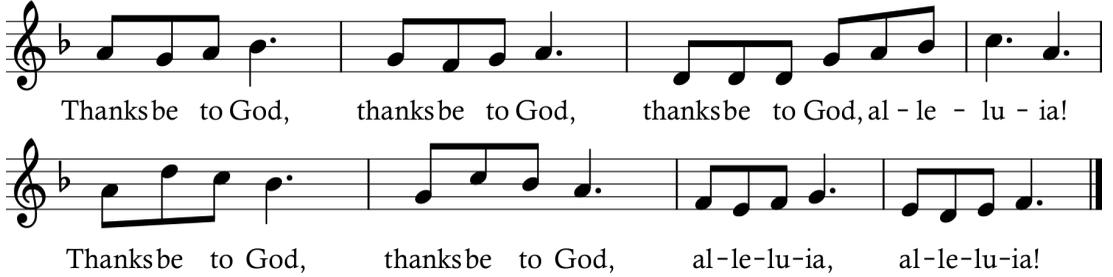
God's Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will;
in prophet's word God spoke of old
and speaketh still.
Established is God's law
and changeless it shall stand,
inscribed upon the human heart
in every land.

Eternal life hath God
implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
The living one be praised!
Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
for aye the same.

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

Praise Him!—C. Allen, arr. F. Milholland

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

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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.