



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 2nd, 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 Prélude, OL46 and
Préludes sur “Pange Lingua”, OL 34, 35 & 36 Louis Couperin

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 347—The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

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
All

Most merciful God,
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 beyond all seeing and knowing, we meet you in the night of change and crisis and wrestle with you in darkness and doubt. Give us the will and spirit to live faithfully and to love as we are loved, through Jesus Christ, your Son.

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

Genesis 32:22-31

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm

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**Lord, hear my plea, attend my cry; unto my prayer give heed.
My righteous plea does not from false, deceitful lips proceed.**

**Let vindication of my cause proceed, O Lord, from You;
Your eyes see what is right, so give my vindication due.**

**Though You may probe my heart at night, or test me deep within;
You will find nothing, for I vowed my mouth would never sin.**

**As for men's deeds, I've kept myself from all their violent ways;
It's by the word of Your own lips I've stayed within Your ways.**

**My steps have held fast to Your path; I've walked within Your way;
And my feet have not slipped, for on Your path I vowed to stay.**

**I call on You, and trust, O God, that You will answer me;
Give ear to me and hear my prayer, incline Your ear to me.**

**Show me Your wondrous steadfast love: You save by Your right hand
all those who take refuge in You from foes that 'gainst them stand.**

**But as for me, in righteousness, Your face I know I'll see;
When I awake, Your likeness will be fullest joy to me.**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-15

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 585—Lord, Whose Love is Humble Service

Beach Spring

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



Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away;

you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Christ.

People **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 395—Bring Many Names

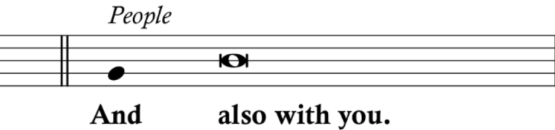
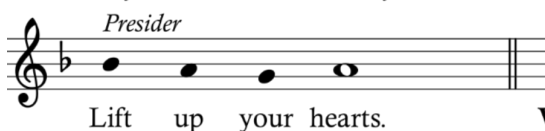
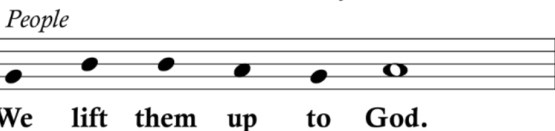
Waterdown

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.

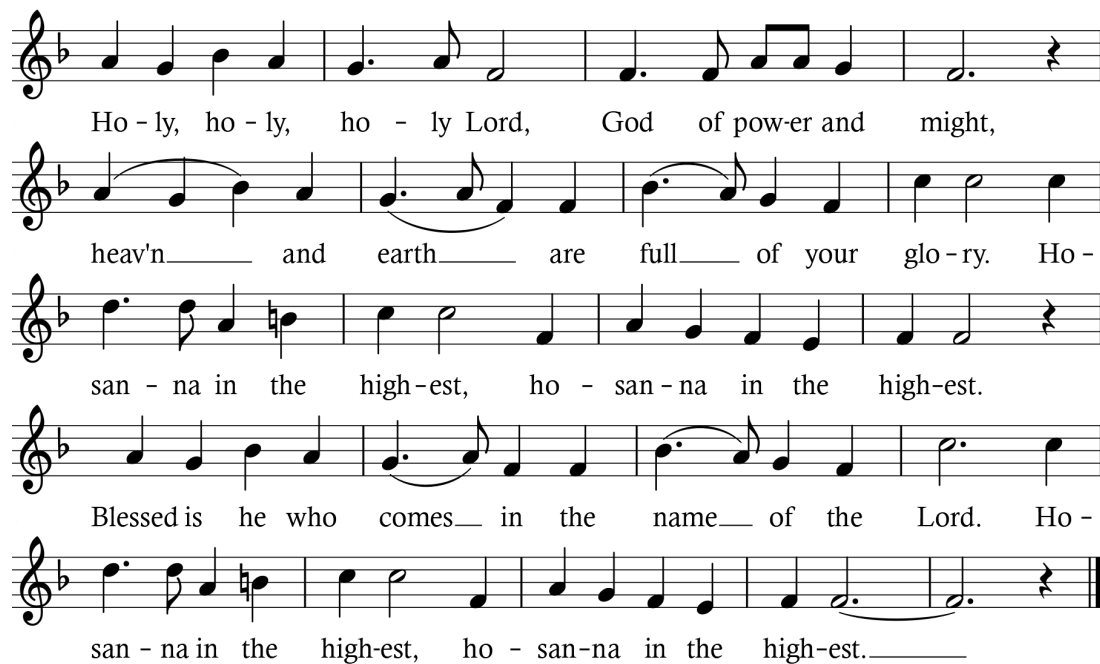
All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

<i>Presider</i>  May God be with you.	<i>People</i>  And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>  Lift up your hearts.	<i>People</i>  We lift them up to God.
<i>Presider</i>  Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.	
<i>People</i>  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,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

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The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some dotted rhythms. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign (double bar line with two dots) and continues the melody. The third staff concludes the piece with a final double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

John Carter

Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he
Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a
shout of joy. Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share.
Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
God, Em - man - u - el, ev - 'ry - where!
earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

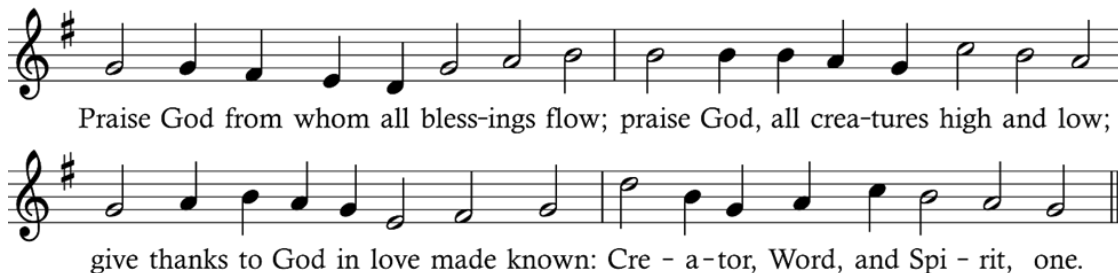
Announcements

A Time for Celebration and Thanksgiving

On the first Sunday of the month, we take a moment to name significant moments in the lives of members of our community: anniversaries of birth, marriage, etc., and to give thanks for them.

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Doxology (CP 667)



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spi - rit, 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 468—To Abraham and Sarah

Thornbury

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 Dialogue (4th Couplet of the Gloria)

Francois Couperin

Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher	The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
Organist	Robert Grandy
Greeters	Mary Ann Hall and Dianne Meittinen
Readers	AJ Trossman and Lucas Paradis
Intercessor	Karen Turner
Server/Crucifer	Cathy Brunger
Sacrist	
Chalice Administrator	Pat Passmore and Andrew Vreugdenhil
Chancel	Peggy Kruger and Pat Passmore
Refreshment Hosts	No one scheduled
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.