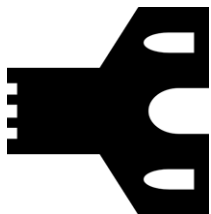


CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Peterborough's Oldest Church—Established 1826
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A Festival of Lessons and Carols The Third Sunday of Advent December 15th, 2019—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.

This service is modelled on the festival of Nine Lessons and Carols that was pioneered in Truro Cathedral on Christmas Eve, 1878. It was taken up by English cathedral and collegiate churches in subsequent years and the best-known Festival, that of King's College, Cambridge, was begun on Christmas Eve, 1918. The service traditionally contains nine readings from Old and New Testaments that follow the history of salvation from Creation, to the Fall, through the prophets, and ultimately to the glad tidings of the birth of Jesus. Each reading is followed by a carol and/or hymn related to the theme of the reading.

Prelude

*Please stand as the hymn begins.
The hymns are found in the blue book Common Praise.*

Hymn 101—Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Cruger

Land Acknowledgement

Presider We acknowledge that we are in Nogojiwanong, the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee, 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.

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hope is a can-dle on our jour - ney. Hope is the
Peace is a can-dle on our jour - ney. Peace is the
Joy is a can-dle on our jour - ney. Joy is the
Love is a can-dle on our jour - ney. Love is the

trav - el and the end. _____ All thro' the fros - ty fields of
giv - ing and the gift. _____ O - ver the fro - zen lakes of
swing-ing and the leap! _____ Un - der the cloud-ed skies of
hold-ing and the flight. _____ All round this ach - ing earth of

win - ter, this danc - ing flame of Hope__ we'll tend.
 win - ter, this whis - p'ring flame of Peace__ we'll lift.
 win - ter, this laugh - ing flame of Joy___ we'll keep.
 win - ter, this ten - der flame of Love__ we'll light.

A Bidding Prayer for Christmas

Officiant My sisters and brothers in Christ...
 ...With joy in our hearts,
 let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ,
 and join with Mary and Joseph,
 with shepherds and wise men,
 and with all our forebears in faith
 in offering our worship.

Please sit at the conclusion of the bidding.

First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a (OT 865)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. A. Carter

Second Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT 663)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the hymn.

Hymn 98—Hark! The Glad Sound the Saviour Comes

Bristol

Please sit for the reading.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5 (OT 667)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

H. Helvey

Fourth Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-12 (NT 218)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol A Child Is Born is Bethlehem

M. Archer

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38 (NT 56)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant

Sung by Emily Moorcroft and signed by Emily Deck

Sixth Lesson

Luke 1:39-56 (NT 57)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the hymn.

Hymn 123—Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Please sit for the reading.

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:1-20 (NT)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol Noe! Noe!

M. Wilberg

Eighth Lesson

John 1:1-18 (NT 91)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the hymn.

Offertory Hymn 122—In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

Prayer over the Gifts

Prayers of the People

Collect of the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed 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'r, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er.

Please sit for the announcements.

Announcements

The Congregation stands at the conclusion of the announcements.

Blessing

The Officiant offers the blessing; the Congregation responds, "Amen."

Hymn 147—Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Ermuntre Dich

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



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

*All are welcome to remain after the celebration for a time
of refreshment and fellowship in the Guild Hall.*

Liturgical Ministers

Officiant	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Director of Music	Julie Deck
Chimes	Christopher McDonald
Crucifer	Fin Dinesen
Readers	
	1. George Hamilton
	2. the Rev. Miriam Stroud
	3. Christopher McDonald
	4. Walter Howell
	5. Ellen Seddon
	6. Jen Burke
	7. Martin Chapman
	8. The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Intercessor	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Offering	Judith and Gwedhen Nicholas, AJ Trossman
Sidespeople	Team 1, captain John Balfour
Coffee Hour	Jill Adams and Pat Spencer
Chancel Guild	Betty Hinton, Carol Koeslag, Mary Anne Hammond

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Peter Koeslag
From Carol and family**

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The Rev. Steve Smith
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Welcome!

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. An activity centre is provided in the Chapel for those who wish to use it. For children who are not yet of school age, there is a professional child care provider staffing the Nursery September to June. When the child care provider is not present, parents and children are welcome to use the Nursery. For school age children, we offer a weekly Sunday School from September to June where kids hear the same Bible readings as in the worship service and engage in activities that are designed to teach the faith.

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.