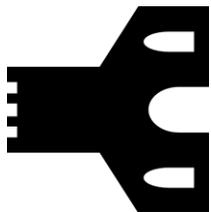


# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Peterborough's Oldest Church—Established 1826  
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## A Festival of Lessons and Carols The Third Sunday of Advent December 17th, 2017—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. Men and women may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender expressions, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.*

*We acknowledge that we are in 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 hymns are found in the blue hymn book Common Praise in the pew racks.*

*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.*

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## **Prelude**

## **Announcements**

*Please stand as the hymn begins.*

## **Hymn** Once in Royal David's City

Irby

*The first verse is sung by James Summerfeldt-Parker and Zachary Deck.  
The Congregation joins in on the second verse:*

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and mean, and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
though his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above,  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
where like stars his children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.

## **Introit**

*Choir*

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

## 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.**

## 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

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25 (OT 2)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Carol

Adam Lay Y Bounden                      Words 15th c., arr. Boris Ord  
*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
four thousand winter thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
as clerkes finden written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
ne had never our lady a been heavené queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!*

## Second Lesson

Micah 5:2-4 (OT 865)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Carol

Quem Pastores Laudavere              German, 14th c. arr. John Rutter  
*Quem pastores laudavere,  
quibus angeli dixere,  
absit vobis iam timere,  
natus est rex gloriae.*              *Shepherds left their flocks a-  
straying, God's command with joy  
obeying, when they heard the  
angel saying: 'Christ is born in  
Bethlehem.'*

*The readings can be found in the Bibles on the book racks at either entrance. The page numbers are in brackets and indicate Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT).*

*Ad quem magi ambulabant,  
aurum, thus, myrrham portabant,  
immolabant haec sincere  
nato regi gloriae.*

*Wise men came from far, and saw  
him: knelt in homage to adore  
him; precious gifts they laid before  
him: gold and frankincense, and  
myrrh.*

*Christo regi, Deo nato,  
per Mariam nobis dato,  
merito resonet vete  
laud, honor, et gloria.*

*Let us now in ev'ry nation  
sing his praise with exultation.  
All the world shall find salvation  
in the birth of Mary's Son.*

**Third Lesson**

Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT 663)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol**

Joy Shall Come Even to the Wilderness  
*Joy shall come even to the wilderness,  
and the parched land shall then know great gladness;  
as the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom,  
deserts like a garden blossom.  
For living springs shall give cool water,  
in the desert streams shall flow.*

**Hymn**

109—When the King Shall Come Again

Tempus Adest Floridum

**Fourth Lesson**

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (OT 877)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol**

O Come, Divine Messiah

*Soloist: Tina Moorcroft*

*For the words, see hymn 95 in Common Praise.*

**Fifth Lesson**

Isaiah 40:1-5 (OT 667)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Aria**

Comfort Ye/Ev'ry Valley from "Messiah"

*Soloist: Brad Smith*

## Sixth Lesson

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol** There is no Rose of Such Virtue Music: John Joubert

*There is no rose of such virtue  
as is the rose that bare Jesus: Alleluia.  
For in this rose contained was  
Heav'n and earth in little space: Resmiranda.  
By that rose we may well see  
there be one God in Persons Three: Pares forma.  
Then leave we all this worldly mirth  
and follow we this joyous birth: Transeamus.*

**Hymn** 117—Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Es Ist Ein' Ros

## Seventh Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-12 (NT 218)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol** In the Bleak Midwinter  
Words: Christina Rossetti; Music: Harold Darke  
*Sung by Lillian and Abbagale Anderson*

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood as hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter long ago.*

*Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed,  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
a heart full of mirth, and a manger full of hay.  
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel, which adore.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.*



## Liturgical Ministers

|               |                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Officiant     | The Rev. Brad Smith           |
| Organist      | Julie Deck                    |
| Brass Players | Gordon Deck and Bert VanBrenk |
| Chimes        | Bruce Pond                    |
| Crucifer      | Caelen McMurray               |
| Readers       | 1. Rachel Bulgin              |
|               | 2. Eric Vreugdenhil           |
|               | 3. Barb Smith                 |
|               | 4. Martin Chapman             |
|               | 5. Cole Hayward               |
|               | 6. Eleanor Thorndyke          |
|               | 7. Rachel Nicholls            |
|               | 8. The Rev. Brad Smith        |
| Intercessor   | Brenda McMurray               |
| Greeters      | John and Barbara Burbidge     |
| Sidespeople   | Team 3, captain Paul Clarke   |

*The liturgy is from the Book of Occasional Services (1985) of the Anglican Church of Canada*

*Music is from:*

- Common Praise (1998)
- *copied under CCLI Licence # 2281450*
- Carols for Choirs 2 (1970), *edited and arr. By David Willcocks & John Rutter*
- *Choir copies of "There is no Rose of Such Virtue" and "In the Bleak Midwinter"*
- *Score of Messiah, G.F. Handel, in the public domain*

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Joyce and Harold Hubbell  
From Carolyn and family**

*To the right are some commonly-asked questions by visitors. If you have a question that is not answered here, please do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters or clergy for assistance.*



The Rev. Brad Smith  
*Rector*

The Rev. Christian Harvey  
*Deacon*

The Rev. Terry Noble  
The Rev. John Runza  
The Rev. Steve Smith  
*Honorary Assistants*

Ms Julie Deck  
*Interim Director of Music*

Mr Walter Howell  
Ms Brenda Whiteman  
*Churchwardens*

Mr Matthew Harvey  
Ms Bonnie Williams  
*Deputy Churchwardens*

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## Welcome!

### **Children's Ministry**

St John's welcomes 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. For children who are not yet of school age, there is a professional child care provider staffing our Nursery, which is at the end of the hallway past the washrooms. 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**

St John's 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 facilities 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.