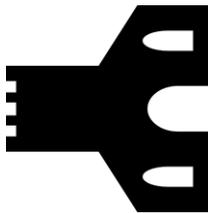


CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Peterborough's Oldest Church—Established 1826
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A Festival of Lessons and Carols The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23rd, 2018—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 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 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.

Prelude Greensleeves

R. Purvis

Please stand as the music begins.

Matin Responary

“Magnificat” (adapted), G.P. da Palestrina

Hymn Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Traditional

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin birth:
let ev'ry age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to us displayed.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds;
his course he runs to death and hell,
returning on God's throne to dwell.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness breathe a newer light,
where endless faith shall shine serene,
and twilight never intervene.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *(see insert for music)*

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!*

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).

Second Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a (OT 865)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 91—People, Look East

Besançon

Third Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT 663)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 104—Joy Shall Come Even to the Wilderness Joy Shall Come

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-15 (OT 636)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Unto Us A Child Is Born, arr. D. Anderson

Soloist: Daniel Plouffe

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:57-80 (NT 57)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Song of Zechariah

Forest Green

Now bless the God of Israel; who comes in love and pow'r, who raises from the royal house deliv'rance in this hour. Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm, to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm. Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear, that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year. And you, my child, shall go before to preach, to prophesy, that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high. In tender mercy, God will send the day spring from on high, our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the Holy One! O worship and adore!

Sixth Lesson

Luke 1:39-56 (NT 57)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Tell Out, My Soul

Woodlands

Soloist: Emily Coombes (as part of the reading)

Carol

Mary, Did You Know?

by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green

Soloist: Brad Smith

arr. by Craig Courtney

Seventh Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25 (NT 1)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Eighth Lesson

Luke 2:1-20 (NT 58)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol See Amid the Winter's Snow arr. by Dan Forrest

Alleluia! See amid the winter's snow born for us on earth below, see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the lofty skies, he who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn 135—Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Prayer over the Gifts

Prayers of the People

Collect of the Day

The Lord's Prayer

All (sung) **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

The Congregation stands at the conclusion of the announcements.

Blessing

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

At the Offertory, the offering plate is passed for the money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives. Money may be offered as cash or cheque—if placed in an envelope (visitors' envelopes are in the pews), tax receipts are issued for donations of twenty dollars or more.

The Prayers of the People are offered by members of the congregation. They reflect the needs and concerns of the local church and community, and of people in various kinds of need, sickness, or adversity throughout the world.

Once in Royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

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.

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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

In Dulci Jubilo, J.S. Bach

Liturgical Ministers

Officiant	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Music Director	Julie Deck
Organist	Robert Robinson
Trumpet	Jaimie Mulder
Baritone	Bert VanBrenk
Chimes	John Earnshaw
Crucifer	Martin Chapman
Readers	1. Jenn Burke
	2. John Burbidge
	3. The Rev. Deb Wilson
	4. Ellen Seddon
	5. Martin Chapman
	6. The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
	7. Mickey Bongers
	8. The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Intercessor	The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
Greeters	Elaine and Gracie Hewitt and Shirley Clarke
Offering	Paul and Shirley Clarke
Sidespeople	Team 3, captain Paul Clarke

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Rector

The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
The Rev. Terry Noble
Associate Priests

The Rev. Christian Harvey
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The Rev. Deb Wilson
Deacons

The Rev. Ruth Adams
The Rev. John Runza
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 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

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.