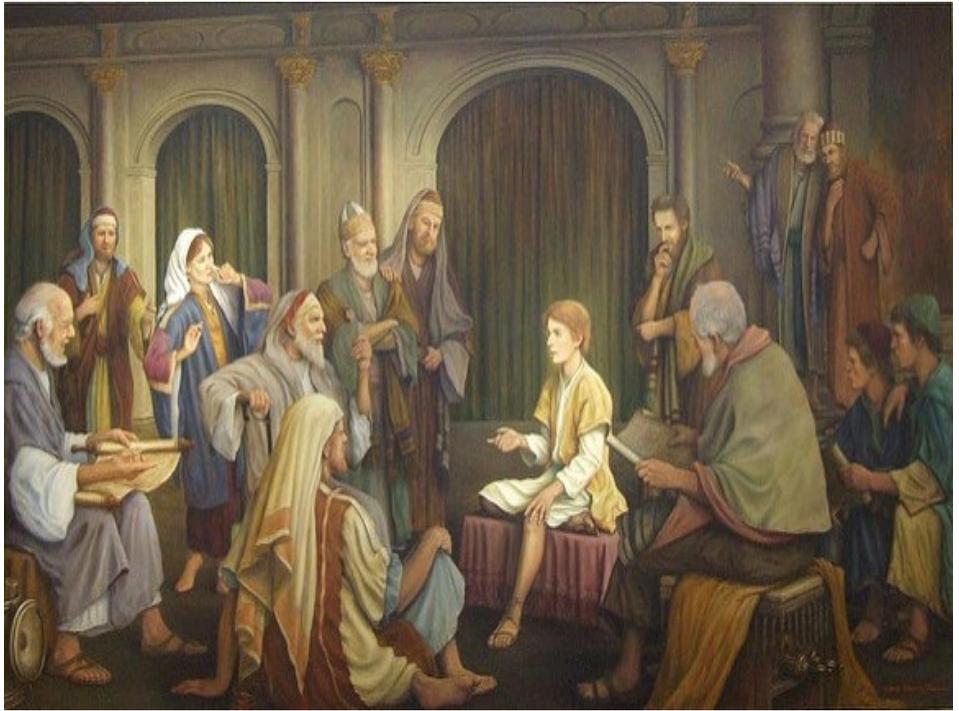
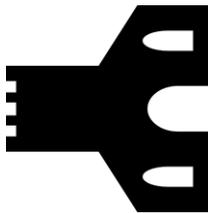


CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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The First Sunday after Christmas December 30th, 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.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Forest Green

R. Purvis

Please stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 155—From East to West

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Introit

Choir Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 366



Glo - ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re deem - er, Lamb of God, for sin - ners given,



Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un ceas - ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly One, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

Collect of the Day

*Please sit at the conclusion of the prayer.
Children may leave for Sunday School.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (OT 246)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

148

The choir sings the verses. The congregation joins in the refrain (R).



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R**
Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; **R**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. **R**

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. **R**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 (NT 201)

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as the music begins.

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).

Alleluia

Hymn 715

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with an exclamation point, and the second staff ends with a period.

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52 (NT 59)

Storyteller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Storyteller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Congregation sits as the Gospel is told through Biblical Storytelling.

Storyteller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please be seated after the prayer that begins 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.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Presider stands.

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the

Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
 scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
 hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please turn to the people around you and exchange a sign of God's peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 145– Good King Wenceslas Tempus Adest Floridum

Prayer over the Gifts

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.

The Peace is exchanged with a handshake or similar greeting with those immediately around us as a symbol of our reconciliation with our neighbour before approaching the altar. It is not necessary to move from one's place.

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 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you gracious God...
...to proclaim the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power 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 give thanks to you, Lord our God...
...Therefore, Father, according to his command,
All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...
...and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus is the Host who invites us to share his Table. All those who are baptised in any tradition are welcome to receive

Communion in both bread and wine. Please come forward to receive Communion as invited by the Sidespeople.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Communion may be received at either the Nave Altar by standing around the lowest level of the chancel steps or in the Chapel by kneeling at the rail. If you are unable to come to receive

Communion, please indicate so to a Sidesperson, who will direct the Communion minister to come to you.

If you require gluten-free bread, please ask the Communion minister. Please do not dip the bread into the wine.

After making your Communion, please return to your seat to pray in silence.

Having been fed with the spiritual food of our Lord, we now prepare to be sent into the world to share the light and life of God.

Fraction Anthem

Hymn 74



For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
By these pledg-es that you love us, by your gift of peace re-stored,
in your ser-vice, Lord, de-fend us; help us to o-bey your word;



for the words which you have spo-ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to realms a-bove us, con-se-crate our lives, O Lord:
in the world to which you send us, let your king-dom come, O Lord!

Communion

Hymn: 122—In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

Anthem Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. David Willcocks

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

Please stand at the conclusion of the announcements..

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of love and mercy,

All

**in gratitude, in deep gratitude,
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much of us,
encourage many through us.**

**So, God of love, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth,
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Blessing

The Presider offers the blessing; the congregation responds, “Amen.”

Hymn 153—Good Christians All, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Liturgical Ministers

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| Presider | The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe |
| Preacher | The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe |
| Deacon | The Rev. Bev Thompson |
| Organist | Robert Robinson |
| Chimes | Ellen Robinson |
| Biblical Storyteller | Jenn Burke |
| Sacrist | Emily Coombes |
| Crucifer | Alex Baker |
| Server | Sam Harvey |
| Readers | Joyce Evans and Daniel Plouffe |
| Intercessor | Ian Storey |
| Nave Chalice | Emily and Jacob Coombes |
| Chapel Chalice | Joan Duncan and Shirley Clarke |
| Elements and Offering | Joan and John Duncan |
| Offering | George and Georgia Reynolds |
| Greeters | Joan Duncan and Georgia Reynolds |
| Sidespeople | Team 6, captain John Duncan |
| Chancel Guild | Betty Hinton, Carol Koeslag and Mary Anne Hammond |
| Sunday School | The Rev. Deb Wilson |

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The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Rector

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

The Rev. Christian Harvey
The Rev. Bev Thompson
The Rev. Deb Wilson
Deacons

The Rev. Ruth Adams
The Rev. John Runza
The Rev. Steve Smith
Honorary Assistants

Ms Julie Deck
Director of Music

Mr Walter Howell
Mr Jim Weldon
Churchwardens

Mrs Mickey Bongers
Deputy Churchwarden

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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.