



**The First Sunday in Lent  
February 22nd, 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**

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*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.*

**Preludes** Two Chorale Preludes on “Durch Adams Fall Ist Ganz Verderbt” Jan Pieter Sweelinck;  
Helmut Walcha  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. by Anna Laura Page (Cantabile Ringers)

*The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.*

**Hymn** 175—Forty Days and Forty Nights Heinlein

**Introit** “We Shall Not Live by Bread Alone Don Anderson  
*Choir* We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of  
God. *Matthew 4:4*

### **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.

*All* **And also with you.**

### **Collect for Purity**

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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 Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

*Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, when the Church celebrates the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is customary that baptism occurs at Easter, so in Lent we examine how faithfully we have kept the promises made in our baptismal covenant, so that we may be ready to reaffirm our commitment at Easter.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism.

Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

How faithfully have we continued in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, repented and returned to the Lord?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we proclaimed by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we sought and served Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we striven for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we striven to safeguard the integrity of God's creation; respecting, sustaining, and renewing the life of the earth?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**Trisagion** (*sung three times*)

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty, ho - ly  
im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Collect for the Parish Bicentennial**

*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**

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### **First Reading**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves

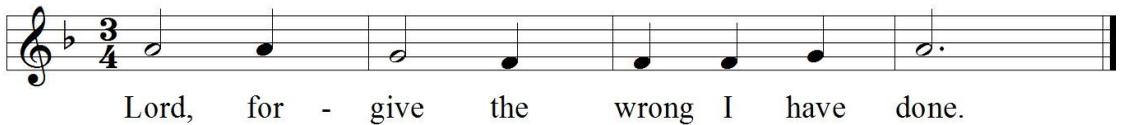
together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

## Psalm

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



Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **R**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." **R**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

## Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

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

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For

the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn** 615—Just As I Am

Woodworth

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus, king of end - less glo - ry,  
Sav-iour of the world, Sav-iour of the world.

**Gospel**

Matthew 4:1-11

*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* Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the

test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

## Sermon

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

## The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
*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. Amen.**

*On the First Sunday in Lent, we observe the ancient tradition of singing  
The Great Litany in the place of the Prayers of the People*

## The Great Litany

*Litanist* God the Father, creator of heaven and earth:  
God the Son, redeemer of the world:  
God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide:  
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,  
three persons and one God:

Lord, remember not our offences... your most precious blood.

...from everlasting condemnation,  
...from all want of charity,  
...the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
...your word and commandment,  
...from dying suddenly and unprepared,



Have mer-cy on us.



Spare us, good Lord.



Good Lord, de-liv-er us.

...by your proclamation of the kingdom,  
...by the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
...on the day of judgement,

...and lead it in your way.  
...with wisdom and understanding.  
...in all dangers and adversities.  
...to execute justice with mercy.  
...declare it clearly and show its truth.  
...for the building up of his Body in love.  
...send out labourers into the harvest.  
...follow their true vocation and ministry.  
...live according to your commandments.  
...bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.  
...beat down Satan under our feet.  
...give dignity, food, and shelter.  
...wisdom to use them well.  
...all who teach and all who learn.  
...your pity on all prisoners and captives.  
...comfort the aged and lonely.  
...all who are desolate and oppressed.  
...compassion to all who care for them.  
...according to your holy word.



Good Lord, de-liv-er us.



Hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glory you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **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.*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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*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. If you are participating in worship online, please consider making your offering through one of the means available at [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate](http://www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate).*

**Hymn** Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Beach Spring

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
"Use your power," the tempter tells him; "turn these barren rocks to bread!"  
"Not alone by bread," he answers, "can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"

Jesus, tempted, at the temple, high above its ancient wall:  
"Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!"  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:  
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test."

Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:  
"Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!"  
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:  
"God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!"

When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread.  
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

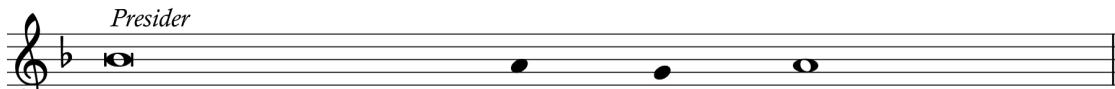
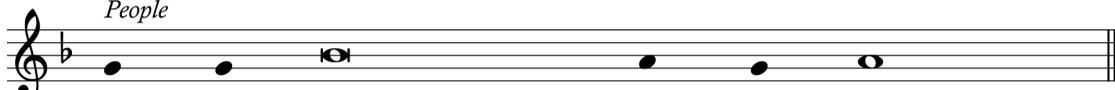
*All* **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

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*Presider* May God be with you.

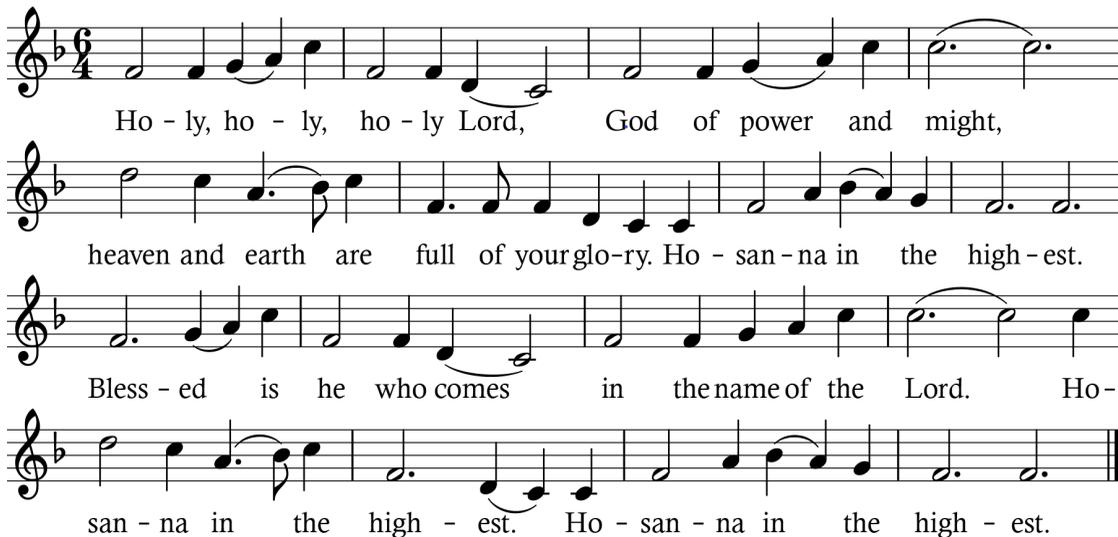
*People* **And also with you.**

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	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*

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed 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*

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you

thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.



Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
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 power, and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* We break this bread,  
*All* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Presider* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
*All* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

*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

CP 747

*All*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus re - deem - er, re -  
deem - er of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

## Communion

*For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward to the Chancel step via the centre aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. 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.*

Hymn: 85—Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St Agnes

**Anthem** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Arr. Dan Forrest, words Isaac Watts  
*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow*

*meet or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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### Announcements

#### 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** 564—Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Mannheim

### Dismissal

*Presider* Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves.



Lord, dis-miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;



let us each, your love pos-sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace;



O re-fresh us, O re-fresh us, trav-elling through the wil-der-ness.

**Postlude** Chorale Prelude on “Durch Adams Fall Ist Ganz Verderbt”, BWV 705

J.S. Bach

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**PRELUDES:** The service opens today with two preludes on the German chorale “**Durch Adams Fall Ist Ganz Verderbt**” (Through Adam’s Fall Mankind Fell Too), illustrating today’s Old Testament reading from Genesis. The first is by the Dutch composer **Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck** (1562-1621), whose music straddled the end of the Renaissance and the beginning of the Baroque eras. Sweelinck started his 44-year career as organist of the famous Oude Kerk in Amsterdam 1577, when he was only 15. He wrote organ and choral music and was one of the first to begin writing organ fugues. In this work, the tune appears in the pedals after successive entries of each phrase of the hymn. After a pause, a second little fugue begins on the manuals, on stronger organ stops, with the entry of the pedals signifying the conclusion.

The second prelude on this tune comes from the pen of the 20<sup>th</sup> century blind organist and composer **Helmut Walcha** (1907-1991) who specialized in the works of the Dutch and German Baroque masters. Blind since his teenage years, he is known for his recordings of the complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach, entirely played from memory! In his treatment of “**Durch Adam’s Fall**”, the melody, like Sweelinck’s prelude, appears in the pedals. However the hands play two musical themes, illustrating today’s Genesis lesson. First off, you will hear music that represents the slithering of the serpent, as the notes chromatically wind up and down the scale. The second feature to listen for are the wide downward jumps, mainly in the left hand, illustrating the “fall of mankind”.

Our Cantabile Ringers offer a setting of the text “**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**”, to the American hymn-tune “Hamburg”, arranged by **Anna Laura Page** (b. 1943). The hymn-tune was written by Lowell Mason in 1824 and consists of only five notes. In British and Canadian churches, the more familiar tune “Rockingham” is used for this text. In this very expressive arrangement, Page places the tune in the top voice throughout, supported by beautiful harmonies underneath. There is one very strong section which contrasts the introspective nature of most of the piece.

**INTROIT:** “**We Shall Not Live by Bread Alone**” is a short unaccompanied introit by Don Anderson, one of the over a hundred introits he wrote for use here at St. John’s – this one using a text from today’s Gospel reading from Matthew. Jesus responds with these familiar words when the tempter in the desert asks him to turn stones into loaves of bread.

**ANTHEM:** Using the tune “O Waly Waly”, and the words of Isaac Watts, American composer **Dan Forrest** (b. 1978) has recast this familiar English folk-tune into “**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**”, an anthem of expressive magnificence. Recalling the sounds of a funeral procession from an earlier century, it brings together the elements of mourning and a kind of walk to the tomb, but pauses to reflect on the “love so amazing, so divine” that brought our Lord to His crucifixion. Forrest is widely recognized as one of the leading American choral composers of our time, with works of varying difficulty for a wide variety of choral and instrumental ensembles. He currently serves as Vice President of Publications and Editor at Beckenhorst Press, Composer in Residence at Furman University, and Artist in Residence at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina.

**POSTLUDE:** **J.S. Bach**’s chorale prelude on “**Durch Adams Fall Ist Ganz Verderbt**” (Through Adam’s Fall Mankind Fell Too), BWV 705 is part of the so called Kirnberger Chorales - a collection of pieces that German composer Johann Kirnberger collected, hence the name. The year of composition is probably around 1708. Bach served as organist in Arnstadt from 1703 till 1707. This chorale prelude appears as an organ motet in the ‘stile antico’, (literally “ancient style”) - a term describing a manner of musical composition

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## Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Robert Grandy
Greeters	Lynda Mercer and Pat Passmore
Readers	Chris Freeman and Walter Howell
Sacrist	Ian Storey
Crucifer	Sam Harvey
Server	Elijah van Slageren
Chalice Administrator	Leslie Sherman and
Chancel Guild	Ellen Seddon and Leslie Sherman
A/V	Walter Howell
Refreshments Hosts	Jim and Sherry Weldon

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### **Today's Music (continued)**

from the sixteenth century onwards that was historically conscious, as opposed to "stile moderno" which adhered to more modern trends. Scholars believe that this little fugue is actually an arrangement of a choral work. It is harmonized in four parts, with each choral phrase treated in turn - each phrase beginning with a fugal entry. Similar to my two organ preludes this morning, this piece also illustrates today's reading from Genesis.

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.



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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-authorized giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to [office@stjohnspeterborough.ca](mailto:office@stjohnspeterborough.ca). Please visit [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate](http://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.