



CHURCH OF
ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021—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.



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

“Benedictus” - A. Rowley

Land Acknowledgement

Presider 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.

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.**

Hymn 5—Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o’er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day’s return, till thy mercy’s beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

The Penitential Rite

Presider The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour. *Silence.*

All God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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.**

Opening Responses

Presider Blessed are you, David's heir, born to rule,

All **you received gifts from the magi.**

Presider Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John,

All **you saved us from ourselves.**

Presider Blessed are you, Servant Lord, teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,

All **you proclaimed God's gracious reign.**

Presider With all the voices of heaven and earth, we celebrate your epiphany.

All **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Collect of the Day

Presider Persevering God, by your sure voice you rouse us from our slumber and call us to discipleship and mission: may we respond to your call and follow the example of those who heard your voice and answered; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Reader A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.'

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

The Leader and Congregation read the Psalm responsively by verse.

Leader LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

People **You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

People **You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

Leader Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

People **For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

Leader I will thank you because I am marvellously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

People **My body was not hidden from you, ***
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Leader Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

People **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! ***
how great is the sum of them!

Leader If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

‘All things are lawful for me’, but not all things are beneficial. ‘All things are lawful for me’, but I will not be dominated by anything. ‘Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food’, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, ‘The two shall be one flesh.’ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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Hymn I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Gospel

John 1:43-51

Gospeller May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

People The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows 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.

Anthem

“My Savior Loves Me”, words and music by Don Besig
Sung by Emily Deck

Each day I live, I trust my Savior to take my hand and be my guide. My faith is strong: I will not waver. I know the Lord is always at my side. He gives me hope to face tomorrow. And helps me be the servant I should be. He keeps me calm through pain and sorrow. I feel His light come shining down on me.

Jesus loves me this I know. Every day He helps me grow. All I have to Him belongs. He's the rock who keeps me strong. My heart is filled, my soul rejoices in all the gifts God gives to me. I've heard Him call; I've made my choices to follow Him and show that I believe. Each day I live, I'll serve my Savior in all I do and every word I say. I'll be a friend; I'll be a neighbor and share His love with all who pass my way.

Yes, Jesus loves me. My Savior loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, That's all I need to know.

Affirmation of Faith and the Baptismal Covenant

Presider Let us affirm our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

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.

I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

I will persevere in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbours as myself.

I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Intercessions

Presider Jesus calls on us to follow him. Let us call on Jesus for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples.

For the church of Jesus Christ in every place, that Christians from around the world may be recalled to our vocation and mission, particularly as we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Your works are wonderful, O God:

All **All things you have marvellously made.**

Presider For Andrew, Riscylla, Kevin, and Jenny our bishops, for presbyters, deacons, and all who minister in Christ. Your works are wonderful, O God:

All **All things you have marvellously made.**

Presider For this holy gathering and for all who are called to follow Jesus. Your works are wonderful, O God:

All **All things you have marvellously made.**

Presider For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for those who guard the peace. For the United States of America, for the President-elect and incoming Administration, and for a peaceful Inauguration. For the people of Uganda following their election last week. For wisdom, peace, and justice. Your works are wonderful, O God:

All **All things you have marvellously made.**

Presider For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering; prisoners, captives, and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed. For all those facing a time of trial, and those who have desired our prayers. *Silence.* Your works are wonderful, O God:

All **All things you have marvellously made.**

Presider For the dying and the dead, whose span of life has come to an end and to whom the gates of heaven have been opened. Your works are wonderful, O God:

All **All things you have marvellously made.**

Presider For ourselves, our families, and those we love; giving thanks for the blessings we received this week. Your works are wonderful, O God:

All **All things you have marvellously made.**

Presider Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All **To you, O Lord.**

Presider God of mystery, lover of all, hear the prayers of your people and keep us ready always to serve as prophets and apostles of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

All **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

Closing Prayers

Presider O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

All **let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Presider Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign.

All **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Presider Tell out the salvation of God from day to day.

All **Let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Presider Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations and the wonders of God among the peoples.

All **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Blessing

Hymn 505—Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, loving and serving others.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Toccatina” - R. Treborie

The Coffee Hour meets online at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/coffee between 11:00 and noon.

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The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
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Associate Priest

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Welcome!

COVID-19 Protocols

Please see the Pandemic Protocols for the Amber Stage poster highlighting precautions to be taken for in-person worship.

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. At this time, due to restrictions around COVID-19, we are unable to offer nursery services or the Sunday School. Families are most welcome to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children if they wish.

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.