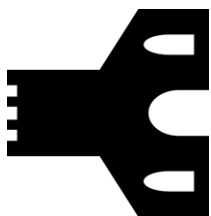


CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Peterborough's Oldest Church—Established 1826
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The Epiphany of the Lord January 5th, 2020—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.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

*Please stand as the hymn begins.
The hymns are found in the blue book Common Praise.*

Hymn 139—The First Nowell

The First Nowell

Land Acknowledgement

Presider 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 Greeting

Presider Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

People **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

Presider The Lord of glory be with you.

People **The Lord bless you.**

Prayers of Penitence

Presider The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins. *Silence*

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us: Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations: Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations: Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Presider pronounces the absolution, to which all answer, “Amen.”

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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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).

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT 690)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord;

ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. **R**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12 (NT 193)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as the music begins.

Hymn 158—Earth Has Many A Noble City

Stuttgart

Alleluia

Hymn 715

*A procession brings the Gospel Book into the midst of the congregation and we turn towards it.
This symbolises the presence among God's people of the living Word in the person of Jesus Christ.*



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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12 (NT 2)

Deacon
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation

Deacon
People

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

Sermon

The Congregation sits for the 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.

Please stand when the Presider stands.

The Nicene Creed

Presider
All

Let us confess our faith as we say,
**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 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.*

Blessing of Chalk

It is an ancient custom that chalk blessed at the Eucharist on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord be taken by the faithful to their homes where they mark the lintel with the following:

20 + C + M + B + 20

*The numerals represent the year, the crosses represent blessings, and the letters represent both the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat* (Christ bless this house) and the initials of the traditional three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. As the door lintel is marked (as indicated), the following prayer is said: The three Magi, Caspar (C), Melchior (M), and Balthasar (B) followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand (20) and twenty (20) years ago. God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless (+) this house and all (+) who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ (+), that our concern for others (+) may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

The Peace

Presider Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

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 Glory and thanksgiving be to you...
 ...all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

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.**

Fraction Anthem

Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of Lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 for, with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to us ap -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 proach - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.

Communion

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.

Hymn: 155—From East to West, From Shore to Shore

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Anthem: On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Hymn 150 Personent Hodie

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

Please stand at the conclusion of the announcements.

*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.*

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

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

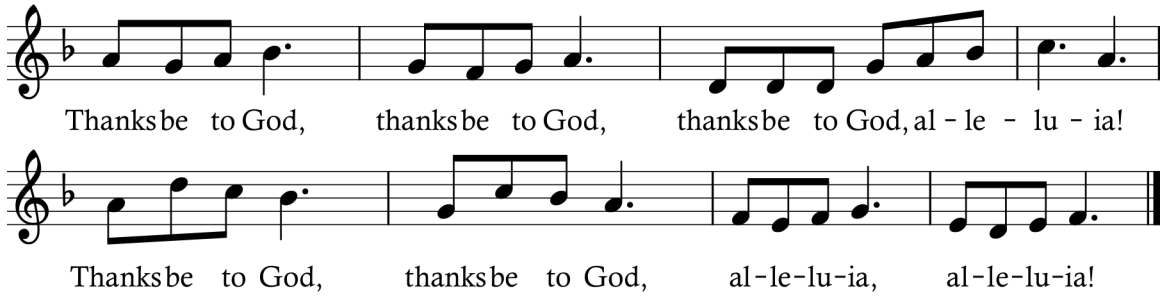
Hymn We Three Kings of Orient Are

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We Three Kings of Orient Are

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



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

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

Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Deacon	The Rev. Bev Thompson
Organist	Julie Deck
Chimes	Christopher McDonald
Server	Caelan McMurray
Crucifer	Martin Chapman
Readers	AJ Trossman and the Rev. Miriam Stroud
Intercessor	Brenda McMurray
Nave Chalice	The Rev. Miriam Stroud and Shirley Clarke
Chapel Chalice	Martin Chapman
Elements and Offering	Judith and Gwedhen Nicholas
Offering	AJ Trossman and John Balfour
Greeters	John Balfour
Sidespeople	Team 1, captain John Balfour
Chancel Guild	Judith and Gwedhen Nicholas and Peggy Kruger
Coffee Hour	

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The Rev. Deb Wilson
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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 the Nursery September to June. When the child care provider is not present, parents and children are welcome to use the Nursery. 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.