



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27th, 2025—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.*

## Prelude

*The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.*

**Hymn**      423—How Great Thou Art

## 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.**

## Collect for Purity

*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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider*      Let us take a moment in silence to reflect on and be grateful for the times this week that we, in thought, word, and action, encouraged or participated in the growth of God's Kingdom of love, peace, and justice. *(silence)*

Let us take a moment in silence to reflect on and confess the times this week that we, in thought, word, and action, ignored, discouraged, or worked against the growth of God's Kingdom of love, peace, and justice. *(silence)*

*Presider* Most merciful God,  
*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us,  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces the absolution, to which all answer, "Amen."*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught the disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us  
 patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

*The Congregation sits.*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

Hosea 1:2-10

*Reader* A reading from the book of Hosea

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Loruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Loammi, for you are not my people and I am not

your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

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**Lord, You showed Your land Your favor  
and restored us bountif'ly.**

**All our sin with grace You covered  
and forgave iniquity.**

**You withdrew Your burning anger,  
Turned away from Your fierce wrath.  
Now, once more, O God our Savior,  
Restore us who seek Your path.**

**Will Your anger last forever?  
To all ages wrath prolong?  
Will You not again revive us  
that we may rejoice in song?**

**Show us now Your lovingkindness,  
Grant us Your salvation, Lord.  
I will listen to what God says:  
Peace to those who Him adore.**

**Let them not return to folly  
for salvation is quite near;  
In our land may the Lord's glory  
dwell with those who do God fear.**

**Love and truth have met together,  
Righteousness and peace kiss; then  
faithfulness springs forth from earth and  
righteousness looks down from heav'n.**

**For the Lord will give what's good and  
then our land its fruit will yield;  
Righteousness will go before Him,  
Make His steps a path revealed.**

**Second Reading**

**Colossians 2:6-19**

*Reader*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn**

458—Seek Ye First

**Gospel Acclamation** (*sung before and after the Gospel*)



**Gospel**

Luke 11:1-13

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

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

*Gospeller* Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

*The Congregation sits.*

## **Sermon**

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.  
The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Presider.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*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 of the People**

### **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.*

## 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**      455—Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

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### Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider*      Beloved God, you spread before us a table of plenty, and give us the cup of new life to drink. Receive all we offer this day with our grateful thanks and praise, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*All*            **Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each with a staff and lyrics below it. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation includes various note values (quarter, half, and whole notes) and rests, with a double bar line separating the Presider and People parts in the first two systems.

Part	Lyrics
Presider	May God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up to God.
Presider	Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.
People	It is right to offer thanks and praise.

*Presider*      It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising your and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and might.

Hea - ven and earth of your glo - ry are full. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. high - est. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider*

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.

Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

*All*

**Christ had died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed 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 - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*All* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*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.

*The Congregation sits.*



## 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: 72—Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

Jesu, Meine Zuversicht

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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### Announcements

*The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Presider.*

### 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

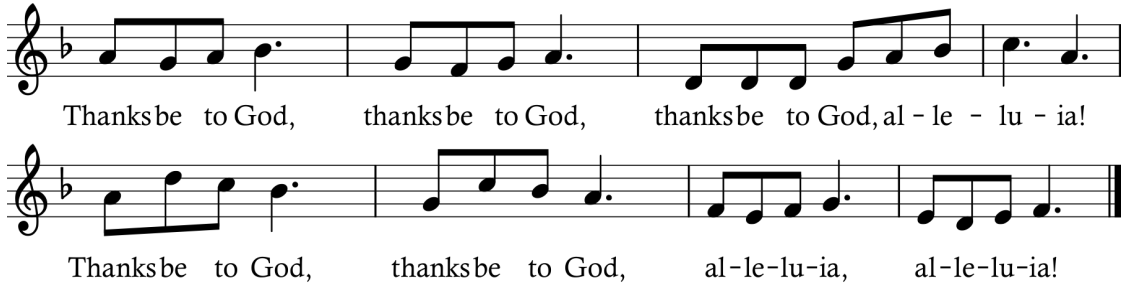
**Hymn** 460—Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Shine, Jesus, Shine

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

*All*



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



## Liturgical Ministers

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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)

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