



Sunday, June 14th—The Second Sunday after Pentecost A Service of the Word

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Land Acknowledgement

Officiant 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

Officiant 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.**

The Penitential Rite

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

People 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.

Officiant May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Introductory Responses

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

All **and your glory all day long.**

Officiant Christ has triumphed over death:

All **O come let us worship.**

Officiant Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

All **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.
The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

116:1, 10-17

The Officiant and Congregation read the Psalm responsively by verse.

Officiant I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

People **How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

Officiant I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

People **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**

Officiant Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

People **O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

Officiant I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

People **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**

Officiant In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

Officiant Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

Officiant You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

Officiant When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:23

Officiant A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have

gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.
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Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

Affirmation of Faith and the Baptismal Covenant

Officiant Dear friends, through the Holy Trinity we are called into relationship with God and with one another.
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

Officiant As a priestly people, chosen by God as a holy nation, we offer prayers for the whole world and for every person in every need.

For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place. For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Anglican Communion, Linda our Primate, Anne our Metropolitan, and Andrew and Riscylla our bishops; for the House of Bishops of the Province of Ontario as they take counsel for the resumption of worship and the safety of the faithful. Lord of the harvest,

All **hear and have mercy.**

Officiant For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, that all may know the bond of fellowship found in the one human race, and that divisions may cease and racial tensions be relieved. Lord of the harvest,

All **hear and have mercy.**

Officiant For all that is good and bountiful for the world, and for mercy, justice, and peace. For compassion and wisdom from lawmakers and law enforcers, and for an increase in understanding and listening. For the springing up of acts of love and sacrifice for our neighbours and our enemies, and for God's Spirit to be poured out upon the whole earth. Lord of the harvest,

All **hear and have mercy.**

Officiant For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, travellers and prisoners, the dying and the dead. Lord of the harvest,

All **hear and have mercy.**

Officiant For ourselves, our families, and those we love. Lord of the harvest,

All **hear and have mercy.**

Officiant Lifting our voices with all creation, with 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.**

Officiant Lord of the harvest, hear our prayers and send us out to proclaim the good news of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant God of love, in your compassion you reach out to the lost and helpless. Continue this work through us, so that your reign of justice and peace may increase; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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.**

Announcements & Offering



Although we are not gathering for worship and other parish activities at this time, our ministry is continuing. As part of your worship today, please consider making an offering to support St John's work and witness. You can visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for options including e-transfers and online giving through CanadaHelps, or scan the QR Code to the left with your mobile device. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

The Blessing

Hymn 598—Go to the World

Engelberg

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!**

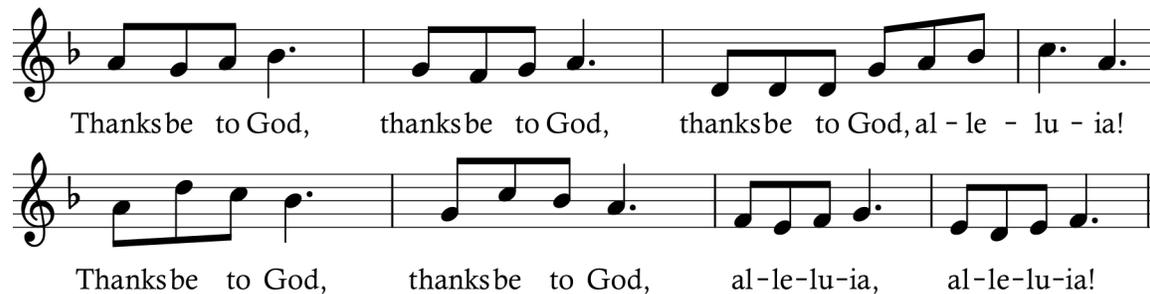
**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! →**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!" Alleluia!**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go in peace to love and serve God by loving and serving others.



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!

**All are welcome to attend a Virtual Coffee Hour
on the internet at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/coffee**

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