



Evensong for the Feast of St Columba of Iona June 7th, 2026—4:00 p.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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Preludes Three Preludes on “St Columba” Dale Wood; C.V. Stanford; Robin Milford

All stand for the hymn.

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.**

The Sentence Psalm 112:1, 6

Officiant Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that hath great delight in his commandments.
For he shall never be moved and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

Preces and Responses Magdalen College Service, Bernard Rose

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord’s Name be praised.

The Congregation sits.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed: and delivered from the hand of the enemy.

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west: from the north and from the south.

They went astray in the wilderness out of the way: and found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty: their soul fainted in them.

So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he delivered the, from their distress.

He led them forth by the right way: that they might go to the city where they dwell.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men.

For he satisfieth the empty soul: and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:11-23

Reader

The First Lesson is written in the First Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians, in the third chapter, beginning at the eleventh verse.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their craftiness’, and again, ‘The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.’ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

After the First Lesson, the Congregation stands.

Magnificat

C.V. Stanford in C

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Congregation sits.

Second Lesson

Luke 10:17-20

Reader The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke, in the tenth chapter, beginning at the seventeenth verse.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

After the Second Lesson, the Congregation stands.

Nunc Dimittis

C.V. Stanford in C

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God,
All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

The Kyrie and Lord's Prayer

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

The Congregation sits.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Suffrages

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, thou didst gird thy servant Columba with the cincture of holiness and madest him a pilgrim for Christ in the midst of the Irish and Scottish peoples. Grant that, having his life and labours in remembrance, we may rest upon thy love and be cheerful in all adversities, as we await the redemption of all things in thy well-beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Choir Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem “The Heavens are Telling” from *The Creation* F.J. Haydn
The Heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his works displays the firmament.
Today that is coming speaks it the day; the night that is gone to following night.
The Heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his works displays the firmament.
Today that in all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.
The Heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his works displays the firmament.

Prayers

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this work knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All **Amen.**

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 29—The Day Thou Gavest St Clement

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended; the darkness falls at thy behest.
To thee our morning hymns ascended; thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping, while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking thy faithful 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empires pass away;
thy kingdom stands and grows forever, till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

Postlude Postlude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons C.V. Stanford

Liturgical Ministers

Officiant	The Reverend Steve Smith
Readers	Chris Freeman, Colin Walsh
Organist	Robert Grandy
Conductor	Syd Birrell
Choir	The Peterborough Singers
Cantor	Ben Keith

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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-authorised giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to office@stjohnspeterborough.ca. Please visit 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.