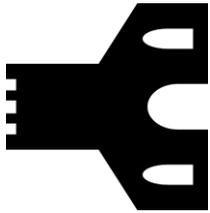


# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Peterborough's Oldest Church—Established 1826  
99 Brock Street, Peterborough Ontario K9H 2P2  
705-745-7624 [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca](http://www.stjohnspeterborough.ca)



*The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree*

## **The Third Sunday in Lent March 24th, 2019—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. Men and women may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender expressions, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.*

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 *hymns* are found in the blue hymn book Common Praise in the pew racks.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Prelude

*Please stand when the bell rings. The procession will enter in silence.*

### Introit

Hymn 179, vv 6a,d

Light of life be - yond con - ceiv - ing, might - y  
Liv - ing Wa - ter of sal - va - tion, be the

Spi - rit of our Lord; give new strength to our be -  
foun - tain of each soul; spring - ing up in new cre -

liv - ing, give us faith to live your word, give us  
a - tion, flow in us and make us whole, flow in

faith to live your word...  
us and make us whole...

### 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.**

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

*All kneel. Those who cannot kneel should sit.*

Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts. How faithfully have we continued in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, repented and returned to the Lord?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we proclaimed by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we sought and served Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we striven for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we striven to safeguard the integrity of God's creation; respecting, sustaining, and renewing the life of the earth?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*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.**

*Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, when the Church celebrates the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is customary that baptism occurs at Easter, so in Lent we examine how faithfully we have kept the promises made in our baptismal covenant, so that we may be ready to reaffirm our commitment at Easter.*



## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NT 172)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the music begins.*

## Hymn 43—From All the Wind's Wide Quarters

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

## Gospel

Luke 13:1-9 (NT 76)

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation.*

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated after the prayer that begins the sermon.*

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Presider stands.*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*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 the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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 offering plate is passed for the money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives. Money may be offered as cash or cheque—if placed in an envelope (visitors' envelopes are in the pews), tax receipts are issued for donations of twenty dollars or more.*

## The Prayers of the People

### The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Please turn to the people around you and exchange a sign of God's peace.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn 498—How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

Brother James' Air

### Prayer over the Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer

2

*Presider* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts. *People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God...  
 ...to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*Presider* Holy and gracious God...  
...in the holy Church, now and forever.  
*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.

*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.*

## Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* We break this bread,  
*All* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Presider* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
*All* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
 if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sin: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

## Communion

Hymn: 174— Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

## Anthem

“What Wondrous Love is This”, arr. G. Weaver

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul. I will sing, will sing; to God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing. I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. I'll sing and joyful be, and through all eternity I'll sing on, sing on, through eternity sing on.*

# COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

---

## Announcements

*Please stand at the conclusion of the announcements.*

## 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** 341—God of Mercy, God of Grace

Heathlands

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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

*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.*



## Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Julie Deck
Chimes	Christopher McDonald
Sacrist	Eric Vreugdenhil
Crucifer	Cathy Brunger
Server	Fin Dinesen
Readers	the Rev. Miriam Stroud and Ruth Warburton
Intercessor	Tom and the Rev. Miriam Stroud
Chalice Administrators	Cathy Brunger and Keith Jones
Chapel	Gerri Currier
Elements and Offering	George and Georgia Reynolds
Offering	John and Joan Duncan
Greeters	John and Joan Duncan
Sunday School	Joelle Kovach
Chancel Guild	Joan Duncan and Peggy Kruger
Sidespeople	Team 6, captain John Duncan

*The liturgy is from the Book of Alternative Services (1985) of the Anglican Church of Canada and "Gathering Rites for the Paschal Cycle" approved by the Council of General Synod for Trial Use and Evaluation, November 2018.*

*Music is from Common Praise (1998) or copied under CCLI # 2281450 or ONE LICENSE # A-729171.*

*The Lord's Prayer, ICET Setting by David Haas © 1986 by GIA Publications, Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

*To the right are some commonly-asked questions by visitors. If you have a question that is not answered here, please do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters or clergy for assistance.*



The Rev. Canon Brad Smith  
*Rector*

The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe  
The Rev. Terry Noble  
*Associate Priests*

The Rev. Christian Harvey  
The Rev. Bev Thompson  
The Rev. Deb Wilson  
*Deacons*

The Rev. Ruth Adams  
The Rev. John Runza  
The Rev. Steve Smith  
*Honorary Assistants*

Ms Julie Deck  
*Director of Music*

Mr Walter Howell  
Mr Jim Weldon  
*Churchwardens*

Mrs Mickey Bongers  
*Deputy Churchwarden*

[stjohnspeterborough.ca](http://stjohnspeterborough.ca)

[www.facebook.com/  
StJohnsPtbo](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsPtbo)

# 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 our Nursery, which is at the end of the hallway past the washrooms. 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.