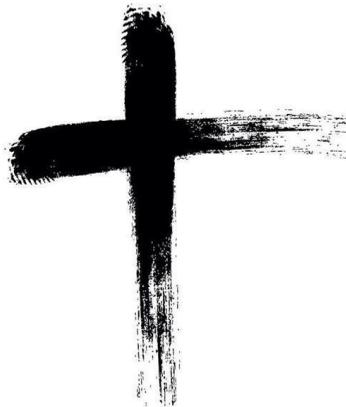
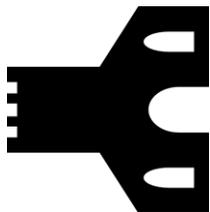


# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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*Remember you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 6th, 2019—7:00 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. 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 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).*

*We gather on this solemn fast to begin the season of Lent with the Imposition of Ashes and the celebration of Eucharist. The ashes, imposed in the sign of the cross with the words "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return" remind us of the death that all humans will experience. The Eucharist, in turn, reminds us of the eternal life into which those who follow Jesus will enter.*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

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*The congregation stands as the procession enters.*

### **The Greeting**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray. *Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The congregation sits at the conclusion of the prayer.*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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### **First Reading**

Isaiah 58:1-12 (OT 332)

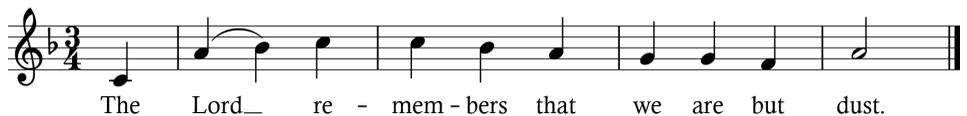
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm**

103:8-18

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



The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever. **R**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. **R**  
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. **R**

For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children; on those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them. **R**

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (NT 180)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as the music begins.*

**Hymn** 178—Restore in Us, O God Franconia

**Gospel** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NT 44)

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

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

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

*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.*

*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 Exhortation

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ...  
Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## Psalm 51:1-20

### Litany of Penitence

*Presider* Most holy and merciful Father,  
*All* **we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*Presider* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*All* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Presider* We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*All* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Presider* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comfort, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn fasting and abstinence; it is a day to reflect on the ways we have fallen short of God's vision for us. We confess and ask forgiveness in the Litany of Penitence.*

*Presider* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.  
*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Presider* For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Presider* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Presider* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
*All* **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

*Presider* Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
*All* **Amen.**

### **Imposition of Ashes**

*Those who desire to receive ashes come forward and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words:*

*Presider* Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.  
*After all who desire ashes have received them, the Presider leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.*

*Presider* Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.  
*All* **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Presider* By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,  
*All* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Ashes are an ancient sign of mourning and contrition. A cross is marked on our foreheads to remind us both of the cross that was signed on us at our baptism and that we are mortal.*

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.

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you of all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*All* **Amen.**

**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 533—Jesus, Lover of My Soul** Aberystwyth

**Prayer over the Gifts**

**Eucharistic Prayer** 3

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth...  
 ...we lift our voices 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* We give thanks to you, Lord our God...  
 ...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*All* **we remember his death,  
 we proclaim his resurrection,  
 we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...  
 ...glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*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

*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.*

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 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

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

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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*Please stand when the Presider returns to the altar.*

### 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 564—Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us**

Mannheim

### Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*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.*

*Dear friends in Christ,  
every year at the time of the Christian Passover  
we celebrate our redemption  
through the death and resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration  
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.  
We begin this holy season  
by remembering our need for repentance,  
and for the mercy and forgiveness  
proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes,  
an ancient sign,  
speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life,  
and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.  
I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord,  
to observe a holy Lent  
by self-examination, penitence, prayer,  
fasting, and almsgiving,  
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.*

—Lenten Exhortation, *Book of Alternative Services*, page 281

## Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Julie Deck
Crucifer	Cathy Brunger
Server	Cole Hayward
Readers	Marg Tippett and Daniel Plouffe
Nave Chalice	Keith Jones and Shirley Clarke
Elements and Offering	Team 2
Offering	Team 2
Greeters	Team 2
Sidespeople	Team 2, captain Ralph Tippett
Chancel Guild	Esther Dore and Gerri Currier

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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*

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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 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.