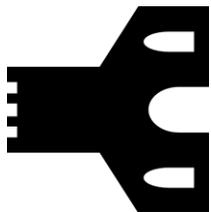


# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Peterborough's Oldest Church—Established 1826  
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*"Nicodemus and Jesus On a Rooftop", Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899, Oil on Canvas*

## **The Second Sunday in Lent March 8th, 2020—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, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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## Prelude

*Please stand as the hymn begins.  
The hymns are found in the blue book Common Praise.*

**Hymn 468**—To Abraham and Sarah

Thornbury

## Land Acknowledgement

*Presider* 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

*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.**

*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.*

## 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.**

### Trisagion (sung three times)

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty, ho - ly  
im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Collect of the Day

*Please sit at the conclusion of the prayer.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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*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).*

### First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a (OT 10)

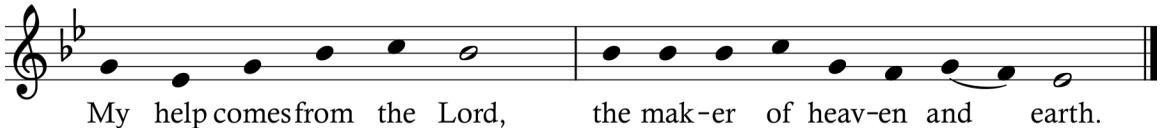
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm

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



My help comes from the Lord, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R**

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

### Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5,13-17 (NT 154)

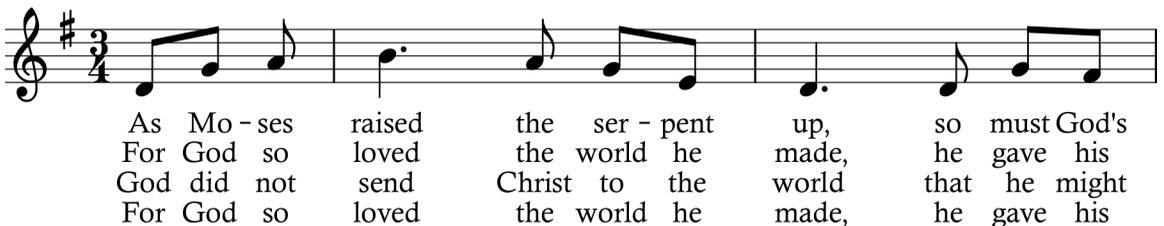
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as the music begins.*

### Hymn As Moses Raised the Serpent Up

O Waly Waly



As Mo-ses raised the ser-pent up, so must God's  
For God so loved the world he made, he gave his  
God did not send Christ to the world that he might  
For God so loved the world he made, he gave his

Son be lift - ed high, that who - so - ev - er will be -  
 own be - lov - ed Son; all who be - lieve in him will  
 then con - demn us all, but that the world by Christ's own  
 own be - lov - ed Son; all who be - lieve in him will

lieve in him may live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 live: not die, but live for - ev - er - more.  
 death might then be ran - somed from the fall.  
 live: not die, but live for - ev - er - more.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your  
 ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
 fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
 seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your pur - poses, for your glo - ry.

**Gospel**

*Deacon*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

John 3:1-17 (NT 93)

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

### Sermon

*The Congregation sits for the sermon. A silence for reflection follows the sermon. 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.*

*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.**

*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 Prayers of the People

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

## The Peace

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

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

*During this time of concern about the transmission of coronavirus/COVID-19, we invite worshippers to exchange the Peace with words or smiles only 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.*

## THE 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 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.*

**Offertory Song** 620—How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

St Peter

**Prayer over the Gifts**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

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The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Presider and the People. The second staff is for the Presider and the People. The third staff is for the Presider. The fourth staff is for the People.

*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,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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.

### 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have  
mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion

*Jesus is the Host who invites us to share his Table. All those who are baptised in any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward to receive Communion as invited by the Sidespeople. At this time, the Bishop of Toronto has suspended the administration of wine in the common cup: it is ancient doctrine that reception of the bread alone is making a full Communion. 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. After making your Communion, please return to your seat to pray in silence.*

Hymn: 543—Unto the Hills

Sandon

## Anthem

“Ave Verum Corpus”, K. 618, by W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for  
humankind, from whose pierced side water and  
blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the  
Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!*

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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### Announcements

*Please stand at the conclusion of the announcements.  
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.*

### 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** 529—God, My Hope on You Is Founded

Michael

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

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

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## Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
Organist	Julie Deck
Chimes	Ellen Robinson
Sacrist	Rachel Bulgin
Crucifer	Beth Vreugdenhil
Server	Iain Dickie
Intercessor	Ian Storey
Readers	Ray March and George Hamilton
Elements and Offering	The Rev. Miriam and Tom Stroud
Offering	Carol Koeslag and George Hamilton
Greeters	Elaine and Gracie Hewitt and Carol Koeslag
Sidespeople	Team 5, captain George Hamilton
Chancel Guild	Joan Duncan, Peggy Kruger and Gwedhen Nicholas
Coffee Hour	Doug and Eileen Moulton and Diane Passmore

*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. Steve Smith  
*Honorary Assistants*

Ms. Julie Deck  
*Director of Music*

Ms. Jennifer Passmore  
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 the Nursery September to June. When the child care provider is not present, parents and children are welcome to use the Nursery. 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.