



CHURCH OF  
**ST JOHN**  
THE EVANGELIST  
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

**The Solemnity of All Saints**  
**November 1, 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.*



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# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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## Prelude

“For All the Saints”, Wilber Held

*The Congregation stands as the Presider approaches the altar.*

## Land Acknowledgement

*Presider* We gather in this place in person and virtually and we acknowledge that we are in Nogojiwanong, the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, the Original inhabitants and stewards of this part of the Creation, 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* Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God’s saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

## Prayers of Penitence

*Presider* Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate: Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Presider* You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation: Christ, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Presider* Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Presider* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints. *Silence.*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

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

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

*The Leader and Congregation read the Psalm responsively by verse.*

- Leader* I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- People* **I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- Leader* Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together."
- People* **I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- Leader* Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- People* **I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- Leader* The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- People* **Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!**
- Leader* Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- People* **The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
- Leader* The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

**Second Reading**

1 John 3:1-3

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*People* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

Matthew 5:1-12

*Gospeller* May God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Gospeller* When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*People* The Gospel of Christ.  
**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.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Presider* Let us confess our faith as we say,  
*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is**

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*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.*

### **Memorial of the Faithful Departed**

*Prayers will be said by the Presider in memory of the faithful departed. During the singing of "Give Rest, O Christ", those worshipping in person are invited to come to the votive stand to light a taper and then a votive and then return to your seat. Those worshipping online are invited to light a candle at home.*

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*Presider* We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The Peace is exchanged with words alone as a symbol of our reconciliation with our neighbour before approaching the altar. Please do not shake hands or move from your 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 money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives, collected before the liturgy, is blessed.*

*If you are participating in worship online, please consider making your offering through one of the means available at [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate](http://www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate).*

### **Offertory Music**

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones", Wilber Held  
*The Congregation may sit during the Offertory and stand when the Presider indicates.*

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Presider* May God be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

*Presider* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you. In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*Presider* Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Presider* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas the Apostle, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

*All* **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*Presider* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. In this Eucharist, many are made one.

## 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. For those present in person, please come forward to receive according to the direction that is given. For those who are present in spirit, the following prayer may be said to make a spiritual Communion.*

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

Music during Communion:

“Do Not Fear”, by David Lantz III  
Sung by Emma Meinhardt

*When you pass through the waters I will be with you. When you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire you will not be burned. When you walk through the flames, they will not consume you. Do not fear, for I am with you; do not fear, I have redeemed you. Do not fear, for I have called you by name, and you are mine.*

*When you walk through the shadows, I will be with you. When you walk in the darkness, I will bring the light of day. When you fall to your knees, I will lift you up. When you feel all alone, I'll be there to love you. Do not fear, for I am with you; do not fear, I have redeemed you. Do not fear, for I have called you by name, and you are mine.*

## 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.”*

**Dismissal**

*Presider*

Following God’s saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Chorale and Fugetta on “A Mighty Fortress is our God” by Sharon Elery Rogers

*The Coffee Hour will be online from 11:00 to noon at [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/coffee](http://www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/coffee)*

## Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Julie Deck
Chimes	Julie Deck
Server	Cathy Brunger
Reader	Bob Stairs
Intercessor	Karen Bisschop
Greeters & Sidespeople	Walter Howell
Registration	Elaine Hewitt

**The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Thomas & Irene Smart and Wayne Smart  
from Brenda and family**

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*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  
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# Welcome!

## **COVID-19 Protocols**

Please see the Pandemic Protocols for the Amber Stage poster highlighting precautions to be taken for in-person worship.

## **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. At this time, due to restrictions around COVID-19, we are unable to offer nursery services or the Sunday School. Families are most welcome to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children if they wish.

## **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.