



CHURCH OF
ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 7th, 2021—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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Notes on worship during the pandemic

We desire that every person entering into St John's for worship may feel welcome and safe. To that end, as a Christian community that seeks to follow the example of Jesus by setting aside personal desires for the good of our neighbours, we observe the following protocols in worship.

Physical Distancing

Worshippers not from the same household should maintain a minimum 2m/6' distance from each other. Ushers will seat worshippers in the odd rows of seating in order to maintain distance ahead of and behind each person.

Masks

Masks must be worn by all persons at all times inside the building except the brief moment where the bread is consumed at Communion.

Congregational Singing

We understand the deep longing to raise our voices together in song—it is an ancient and uplifting part of the Christian tradition. At this time, however, congregational singing is not permitted due to the unknown virulence of aerosol transmission. You will find the words to the hymns printed in the order of service: those who have invited us into your home may sing along; those who are here in person may say the words softly as a prayer or simply enjoy listening to them being sung.

Receiving Communion

At the direction of the College of Bishops, Communion will be received in one kind (the bread alone) by the congregation. At the appropriate time, please come forward by the centre aisle, observing physical distancing from the person ahead, to the front of the chairs and wait there until the priest says the words of administration. Respond by saying "Amen" and then proceed to the priest to receive the Host. Move to the sanitiser station, remove your mask, consume the bread, replace your mask, and sanitise your hands. Then, please return to your seat by the outside aisles.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of your fellow worshippers.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins. In-person worshippers are asked to refrain from singing.

Hymn 465—Here in This Place New Light is Streaming (vv 1,2,4) Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken;
gather us in—the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a mystery;
we are the old—who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty;
gather us in—the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in—all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.**

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.

Collect for Purity

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

All **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

Presider God our redeemer, in sustaining the lives of Naomi and Ruth you gave new life to your people. We ask that, from age to age, new generations may be born to restore life and to nourish the weak by returning to you those things we once thought were ours; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

First Reading

Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17

Reader A reading from the Book of Ruth.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi,

“Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

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The Leader and Congregation read the Psalm responsively by verse.

Leader Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labour is in vain who build it.

People **Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**

Leader It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

People **Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**

Leader Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

People **Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins. In-person worshippers are asked to refrain from singing.

Hymn 318—Rejoice Today With One Accord

Ein' Feste Burg

Rejoice today with one accord, sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord, whose arm hath brought salvation.
His works of love proclaim the greatness of his name,
for he is God alone who hath his mercy shown; let all his saints adore him!

When in distress to him we cried, he heard our sad complaining.
O trust in him, whate'er betide; his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise to him our hearts shall raise;
now every voice shall say, "O praise our God always"; let all his saints adore him!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

Gospeller May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Gospeller As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Congregation sits for the sermon. A silence for reflection follows the sermon. If you would like to listen to the sermon again, you can find it within the recording of the service on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/StJohnsPtbo/videos/

Please stand when the Presider stands.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

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

I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

I will persevere in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbours as myself.

I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth. 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.

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Presider We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We pray for all who, in bereavement, disability, and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between

the nations, that all people may live together in freedom, justice, and peace.

Act of Remembrance

Presider Let us remember before God, and commend to God's sure keeping: those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

Prayers of Remembrance

Presider Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples, and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that, meeting danger with courage, and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Responsory

Presider Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

People **Govern and uphold them now and always.**

Presider Day by day, we bless you.

People **We praise your name for ever.**

Presider Keep us today, Lord, from all sin,

People **have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Presider We long for your salvation, O Lord:

People **grant us understanding, that we may live.**

Presider Lord, show us your love and mercy,

People **for we put our trust in you.**

Presider In you, Lord, is our hope:

People **let us not be confounded at the last.**

Presider Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and humanity: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All **Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all your peoples, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Presider 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

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.

The Congregation may sit during the Offertory and stand when the Presider begins the Prayer.

Offertory Music

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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 to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore 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 We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (translated from Maori)

Presider Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
All **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, 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 as follows: those sitting on the outside Epistle side (in front of the lectern) aisle will go first, then those sitting on the centre aisle, and finally those on the outside Gospel side (in front of the pulpit) aisle. All who wish to receive Communion will make their way to the back of the church, then proceed up the centre aisle to the front, observing distancing as indicated by the white lines on the floor. Each communicant must stop on the first red mark to hear and respond to the words of administration, then proceed to the Chancel step to receive the Host in the palm of the hand. After receiving the Host, communicants will proceed to either of the stations to the left and right of the Chancel step, remove the mask, consume the Host, replace the mask, and sanitise hands, then return to their seat down the side aisles. Communion will be brought to those who are unable to come forward.

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

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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.”

The in-person congregation is asked to refrain from singing.

Hymn 589—Come, O God of All the Earth (vv 1,2,5)

Sing Out

Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O righteous one;
come, and bring our love to birth in the glory of your Son.

Refrain Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!

Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name: may our lives your love confess. *Refrain*

Come, O Justice, come, O Peace: come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease: bring us all to life in you. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve God by loving and serving others.

All



Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
Preacher	The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
Organist	Julie Deck
Server	Zach Deck
Reader	Mary Ann Hall
Intercessor	Mickey Bongers
Greeters & Sidespeople	Diane Passmore and Walter Howell

**The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Art and Pat Collins
from Kathy, her brothers, and all grandchildren**

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Welcome!

COVID-19 Protocols

Please see the notes on the inside front cover of this order of service for precautions we are taking 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 a rack near each of the doors. 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.