



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 19th, 2025—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 and sexual orientations, 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

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.

Prelude Canon in D+
Seek Ye First

Johann Pachelbel
arr. by Douglas E. Wagner (Cantabile Ringers)

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 444—Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Thornbury

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.**

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

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord, _____ have mer-cy. Lord, _____ have mer-cy.

Collect of the Day

Presider Holy God, we lift our eyes to you in hope and awe. Grant that we may reject all apathy of spirit, all impatience and anxiety, so that, with the persistence of the widow, we may lift our voice again and again to seek your justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son.

All **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish Bicentennial

Presider God of life and love, who put into the hearts of our ancestors in faith the building of a church in this place: we give you thanks and praise for your steadfast mercy through the generations; for the calling of this parish of St John the Evangelist to serve the needs of our neighbours and to proclaim the good news of your kingdom. In our bicentennial year, renew in us our zeal for your mission: let us be generous, compassionate, and faithful servants of the gospel and wise stewards of the heritage handed down to us, that this place and its people may be a light upon the hill, showing forth your love to all who see it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Congregation sits.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 458—Seek Ye First

Seek Ye First

Gospel Acclamation (*sung before and after the Gospel*)



Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Gospeller
People

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Gospeller
People

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The Congregation stands at the invitation of the President.

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

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

All Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Presider pronounces the absolution, to which all answer, "Amen."

The Peace

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

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

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

Hymn 455—Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

Repton

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Beloved God, you spread before us a table of plenty, and give us the cup of new life to drink. Receive all we offer this day with our grateful thanks and praise, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Presider, with the lyrics "May God be with you." followed by a double bar line and "And also with you." for the People. The second staff continues the Presider's part with "Lift up your hearts." and the People's part with "We lift them up to God." The third staff shows the Presider's part for "Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator." The fourth staff shows the People's part for "It is right to offer thanks and praise." The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures.

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 Cre - ator.

People It is right to offer 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:

The musical notation is written on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Presider, with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might." The second staff continues the Presider's part with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might." The third staff shows the People's part for "Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed 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 - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
 whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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

Fraction Anthem

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The Congregation sits.

Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward via the centre aisle in line across the Chancel step to receive the Bread from the Presider and the Wine from the Chalice Administrator. Gluten free Hosts are available upon request. Those who find walking difficult may request that Communion be brought to them. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may indicate their desire by crossing their arms over their breast when they approach the Presider.

Hymn: 56—I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

Picket Wood

Anthem Prayer to Jesus George Oldroyd (Soloists: Robyn Hawthorne, Dave Freeman)
Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought, be Thou my love and all my thought, and help that I may to Thee be brought, withouten Thee I may do nought. Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will, and naething is that Thee may let ¹, with Thy grace my heart fulfil, my love and my liking in Thee is set. Jhesu at Thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfil, with perfect love to Thee. That I have done ill Jhesu forgive Thou me, and suffer me never to spill ², Jhesu for pity. Amen.
(Richard Rolle 1300-1349)

Translation from 14th cent. English: ¹ let = prevent ² spill = sin

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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

Hymn 575—Let Streams of Living Justice Thaxted

Dismissal

Presider Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

All

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia!

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Postlude Toccata and Fugue in C+ Johann Pachelbel

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: Our own Cantabile Ringers will offer a setting of Karen Lafferty's 1972 hymn "Seek Ye First", interspersed with strains of the famous Pachelbel Canon, all arranged for handbells by American composer Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952). Lafferty's hymn is a true two-part canon – the verses able to be sung at the same time as the strains of Alleluia – while Pachelbel's famous piece is actually a canon over a ground bass. This is called a passacaglia – a work featuring a repeated base line. In this case, the bass line comprises eight notes. The original work, written sometime between 1680 and 1706, was scored for three violins and basso continuo (or some form of keyboard with other bass instruments).

However, before the bells ring their selection, you will hear an organ arrangement of the Canon, made by the British-born Canadian organist, professor and composer Stanley Drummond Wolff (1916-2004), best known now for his anthems and organ music arrangements. He was an organist in London, England and later moved to Canada, having notable positions in Toronto (Metropolitan United; U of T) and Montreal (Christ Church Cathedral). Later his career took him back to England, then off to Bermuda (Bermuda Cathedral), California, back to England, then to Washington state. He eventually retired in 1994 and lived the remainder of his life in San Diego, California.

ANTHEM: "Prayer to Jesus" is a beautiful little unaccompanied gem of English choral music by George Oldroyd (1886-1951), based on a prayer written by English mystic and hermit Richard Rolle (c. 1300-1349). Oldroyd was a music teacher and organist, deeply rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Church of England. He is known today for his "Mass of the Quiet Hour" and for his short accessible organ works. His "Prayer to Jesus" features two soloists and four-part choir, all of whom have beautiful sweeping phrases to sing.

POSTLUDE: Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) wrote a large quantity of organ music, as well as much chamber music, and choral music. Most of his Toccatas feature sustained pedal notes under rapid manual figures. This Toccata in C Major contains two sustained pedal notes under rapid passages in thirds and sixths. This will be followed by a Fugue in C Major featuring a theme with four repeated notes and a flurry of sixteenth notes. Scholars do not know if these two pieces were meant to be joined. Nevertheless they make for a suitable pairing.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Tower Chimes	Lorraine Land
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Server	Bobby Kelly
Sacrist	Caelan McMurray
Cantor	Alex Meinhardt
Readers	Walter Howell and Julie Deck
Intercessor	Caelan McMurray
Chalice Administrators	Caelan McMurray and Leslie Sherman
Chancel Guild	Peggy Kruger and Pat Passmore
Refreshments Hosts	St. Margaret's Guild
A/V	Andrew Vreugdenhil

**The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Elaine and Cheryl Hewitt
given by sister Wanda and family**

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Welcome!

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth, who may 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. Families are most welcome to use the activities in the children's area in the church and to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children.

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

If you're visiting, please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the rack on the bookcase in the Chapel. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

Making an Offering (Donation)

To support the ministry of the parish, an offering may be made by placing cash or a cheque in an envelope available where you picked up this order of service. Please write your name and address on the envelope, then place it on the brass offering plate. Tax receipts are issued for gifts of \$20 or more. We also have a convenient pre-authorised giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to office@stjohnspeterborough.ca. Please visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for more information.

Accessibility

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance, from where all levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

Washrooms/Change Table

Accessible washrooms are located down the hall from the narthex (lobby). 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.

Fellowship & Refreshments

All are welcome to stay after the liturgy for fellowship and refreshments in the Guild Hall.