



CHURCH OF
ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24th, 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 293—Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

St. Michael's

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;
they triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.
To you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;
and youth renewed, with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light.
And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then,
in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death;
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with your almighty breath.
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour,
that whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you every more.

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 O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer: you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, and, by the power of the Spirit, respond in your name to heal the afflicted and welcome the abandoned; for your sake and the sake of the gospel.

All Amen.

The Congregation sits at the conclusion of the prayer.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Job 42:1-6,10-17

Reader A reading from the Book of Job.

Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died,

old and full of days.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

34:1-8,19-22

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 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all. .

People **He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken**

Leader Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished

People **The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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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 560—God, Whose Almighty Word

Moscow

God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now for all human-kind
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest price;
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

Confession and Absolution

Presider As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed, and omissions, and confess them before God our Father. *Silence.*

All God of all mercy,
giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

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 eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **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.

In-person worshippers are asked to refrain from singing.

Hymn 620—How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

St Peter

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.



Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest, and kind,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

The Congregation stands.

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 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.

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

Wonderful, Merciful Saviour—Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse
Wonderful, merciful Saviour, precious Redeemer and Friend; who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? O you rescue the souls of men.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, you are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, O our hearts always hunger for.

Counsellor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; you offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way. O we hopelessly lost the way. Chorus

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own; here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne, o we're falling before your throne. Chorus

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 403—Let All Things Now Living

The Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love’s banners are o’er us; God’s light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.



God's law still enforces the stars in their courses
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve God and God's people!

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

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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. 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.