



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5th, 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.

Two Preludes on “An Wasserflüssen Babylon”
“On Eagle’s Wings”

J.S. Bach; Ernst Pepping”
Cantabile Ringers, arr. by Dan R. Edwards

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 631—The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Paderborn

The Greeting

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One’s love is new every morning.**

Presider This is the day the Creator has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 God, you weep with those who are oppressed, with those who are uprooted from their homeland and with those who are without shelter or security. Grant that your faithful love may reach out through us, so that your healing mercy may rise like the dawn. 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

Lamentations 1:1-6

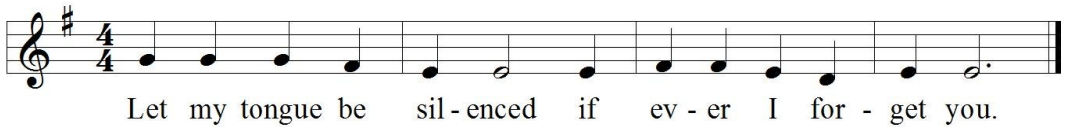
Reader A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labour. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Cantor sings the verses. The Congregation joins in the Refrain (R).



By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion. As for our harps, we hung them up on the trees in the midst of that land. **R**

For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: “Sing us one of the songs of Zion.” How shall we sing the Lord’s song upon an alien soil? **R**

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. **R**

Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, who said, “Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!” **R**

O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us! Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, and dashes them against the rock! **R**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for

this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 584—The Church of Christ in Every Age

Deus Tuorum Militum

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



Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Gospeller

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Sermon

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

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 against God and God's creation.

Silence is kept.

All Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.
We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:
make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

The Peace

Presider In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

People **We see God around us.**
We see God within us.
We give thanks to our Creator.

Presider Let us show the love God has instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of
God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace.
The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

People **And also with you.**

Presider You are invited to care and share peace with your neighbour, and speak a word of
peace to the land in which we gather, and the creatures who share this common home.

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 In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease.**

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, his arms to us he opened wide.
For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Creator.**

Presider
People

Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you, Creator of all. We praise you here where the Otonabee River flows, where city and farm, wilderness and industry, are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of the earth is broken again and again. We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land, and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to eagles. Together with angels and ancestors, trout and bass, moose and hawk, maple and cedar, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

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 -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he travelled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me. Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas the Apostle, and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar, which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

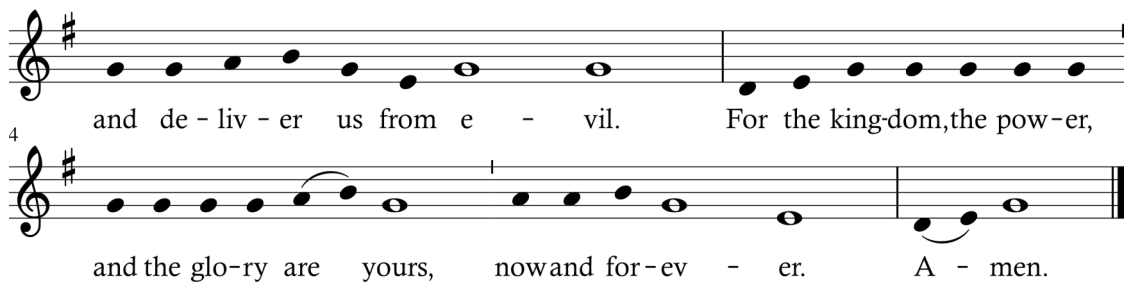
Amen.

All

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,



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.**

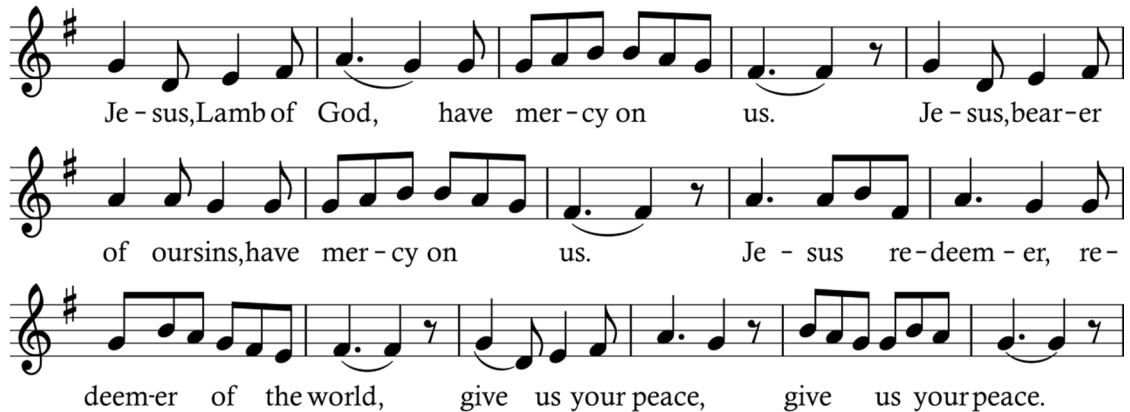
Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

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: 76—Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee

Adoro Te

Anthem “Like As the Hart”

arr. by Healey Willan; soloist Mary McLoughlin

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God, after thee, O God.

(Psalm 42:1-2)

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

A Time for Celebration and Thanksgiving

On the first Sunday of each month, members of the Congregation are invited to name aloud significant dates in their lives at this time— anniversaries of birth, marriage, etc.—and other occasions for celebration.

Once all have been named, the Congregation stands as the Doxology is sung.

Doxology (CP 667)



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures high and low;



give thanks to God in love made known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spi - rit, one.

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 397—Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Nettleton

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 “Festival” from *Three Pieces for Organ*

Healey Willan

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: “An Wasserflüssen Babylon” (By the rivers of Babylon) is a Lutheran hymn by Wolfgang Dachstein, which was first published in Strasbourg in 1525. The text of the hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 137, today's appointed psalm, describing the desperate situation of the Israelites in exile. In this setting by J.S. Bach, BWV 653, the ornamented melody in the middle voice is wedged between two upper voices and pedal. He made several versions of this prelude. This version was clearly Bach's favourite, as he revised the material in his later years in Leipzig, by adding even more ornamentation to the melody and further accentuating the drawn-out rhythm as a slow sarabande. A much later German composer was Ernst Pepping (1901-1981). A teacher and organist, Pepping spent his early years in Berlin, and from 1934 until his death, worked and lived in Spandau. He is regarded as an important composer of Protestant sacred music in the 20th century. Pepping's major organ work is his three-volume *Grosses Orgelbuch* (Great Organ Book), which provides pieces for the entire liturgical year. His setting of “An Wasserflüssen Babylon”, from the second volume, places the melody on an 8-foot solo stop in the pedals under soft flutes and strings.

"On Eagle's Wings" is a Christian hymn by the Catholic priest and composer Michael Joncas. Originally composed for the funeral of a friend's father in 1976 and published in 1979, the song unexpectedly gained significant popularity in both Catholic and Protestant hymnody. While it has also been criticized for its saccharine and folksy approach to scripture, it is a popular hymn at Christian funerals. Originally written in English, it has been translated into other languages, including Italian, Spanish, and Polish. American composer Dan R. Edwards arranged it for three octaves of handbells. Edwards gives this familiar hymn a gentle, contemporary pop sound in his arrangement.

ANTHEM: “Like as the Hart” is a short anthem by the noted Canadian organist and composer Healey Willan. Willan wrote much organ music for recital and service use, as well as numerous choral works of varied levels of difficulty. “Like as the Hart”, with a text from Psalm 42:1-2, opens with a section for sopranos or a soprano soloist. Today you will hear Mary McLoughlin as soloist. The choir enters with a repeat of the first phrase of the soloist's music. The anthem trails off shortly thereafter to a quiet ending. This is an example of his anthem-writing for the smaller church choir – easy, tuneful and relatively short in duration.

POSTLUDE: Willan's “Festival” is the third of his *Three Pieces for Organ*, published in 1954. The energetic first measure serves somewhat as a recurring motif and the basis from which the first section unfolds. A quieter middle section follows, with many imitations of a new motif. After the rich harmony and texture of the middle section, a repetition of the first section is made. There is a coda of six measures which brings the piece to a brilliant and affirmative conclusion. “Festival” has the sound of ceremony about it, and is one of my favourite Willan organ works.

(with notes from a thesis by Robert Massingham)

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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.