



CHURCH OF
ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12th, 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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Welcome home!

It is good to return to worship in our sacred space after being away from it since Easter. While we are still cautious as the pandemic continues, with our protocols in place, we believe we may worship safely, if not in quite the way we were before the pandemic. For example, congregational singing is still not permitted at this time. You will find the words to the hymns printed in the order of service: those who have invited 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.

We are also grateful for the completion of the renovation of the Nave. It will take some time to find the right arrangement for the chairs and there are still a number of finishing touches to be completed, but the bulk of the work is done. Thank you to all who supported the work financially (it's not too late to give a special gift towards the renovation) and with your labour. We trust that this refreshing of our spiritual home will make worship more accessible and inviting and will allow for a wider use of the worship space not only by us but by our neighbours.

May this morning's celebration in this fresh and beautiful space be a blessing to you.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Darwall's 148th— Percy Whitlock

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

Hymn 375—At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

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 Wisdom of God, from the street corners and at the entrances to the city you proclaim the way of life and of death. Grant us wisdom to recognize your Messiah, so that following in the way of the cross, we may know the way of life and glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, 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

Proverbs 1:20-33

Reader A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but

I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

People **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Leader Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

People **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.

Leader In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

People **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Leader The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

People **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; ***
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

Leader The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ***
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Leader By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

People **Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Leader Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

People **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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Hymn 431—Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Breslau

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.



Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide you to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Gospeller
People

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Gospeller
People

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of

my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Congregation sits for the sermon. A silence for reflection follows the sermon. If you missed part of the sermon or would like to listen to it again, it will be posted on our website in the Worship section.

Please stand when the Presider stands.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us 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 Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world. *Silence.*

All God of all mercy,
**we confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of your creation.
We are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.
We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.
We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.**

Presider Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of God's kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.

Offertory Music

Thou, who at Thy First Eucharist (sung by the Choral Scholars)

Thou, who at thy first eucharist didst pray that all thy church might be for ever one, grant us at every eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."

O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede; make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace.

Thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy church above, one with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love; more blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

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

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 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.

All 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,
**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.

*How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.
We mark your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.
In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured done.*

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.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

Dismissal

Presider

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

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 Praeludium

D. Buxtehude

The Coffee Hour will be online from 11:00 to noon at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/coffee

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**The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the completion of the Nave renovation
and the re-opening of the church for public worship.**

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Welcome!

COVID-19 Protocols

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

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth. They are welcome to remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. At this time, due to restrictions around COVID-19, we are unable to offer nursery services or the Sunday School. Families are most welcome to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children if they wish.

On Posture in Worship

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. 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.