



Evensong—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 7th, 2025—4:00 p.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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Preludes	Four Settings of the Plainchant Ave Maria	Alexander Guilmant, Philip Kreckel, Henri Nibelle, Victor Togni
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All stand for the hymn.

Hymn Ye Who Own The Faith Of Jesus Tantum Ergo (St Thomas)

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary Mother of his only Son.**

**Blessèd were the chosen people out of whom the Lord did come,
blessèd was the land of promise fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessèd far the Mother, she who bare him in her womb.**

**Wherefore let all faithful people tell the honour of her name,
let the Church in her foreshadowed part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's Mother sang in gladness let Christ's people sing the same.**

**Let us weave our supplications, she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful, for each faithful worshipper,
for the doubting, for the sinful, for each heedless wanderer.**

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father, praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit, who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted, lowly praise the Three in One.**

The Sentence

Officiant Hail Mary, thou who art highly favoured: the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women. *Luke 1.28*

Preces and Responses

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm

Choir

LORD, remember David, / and all his trouble;
How he swore unto the LORD, / and vowed a vow unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
'I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house, / nor climb up into my bed;
I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, / nor mine eyelids to slumber;
Until I find out a place for the LORD, / an habitation for the Mighty One of Jacob.'
Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrathah, / and found it in the fields of the Wood.
We will go into his dwelling-place, / and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
Arise, O LORD, into thy resting-place, / thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; / and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
For thy servant David's sake, / turn not away the face of thine anointed.
THE LORD hath made a faithful oath unto David, / and he shall not shrink from it:
'Of the fruit of thy body / shall I set upon thy throne.
If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them, /
their children shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.'
For the LORD hath chosen Sion; / he hath longed for her to be an habitation for
himself:
'This shall be my rest for ever: / here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
I will bless her victuals with increase, / and will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will clothe her priests with salvation, / and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: / I have ordained a lantern for mine
anointed.
As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; / but upon himself shall his crown
flourish.'

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-11

Reader

The First Lesson is written in the Book of Isaiah, in the sixty first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and

dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The Congregation stands.

Magnificat

Frank Shera

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Congregation sits.

Second Lesson

Luke 1:26-33

Reader The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to St Luke, in the first chapter, beginning at the twenty sixth verse.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you

have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The Congregation stands.

Nunc Dimittis

Frank Shera

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God,
All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Kyrie and Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Congregation sits.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

The Suffrages

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the King;
People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God Most High, who didst endue with wonderful virtue and grace the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Grant that we, who now call her blessed, may be made very members of the heavenly family of him who was pleased to be called the first-born among many; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for the Parish Bicentennial

Officiant God of life and love, who didst put into the hearts of our ancestors in faith the building of a church in this place: we give thee thanks and praise for thy 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 thy kingdom. In our bicentennial year, renew in us our zeal for thy 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 thy love to all who see it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Anthem “Hail, Virgin Mary”

Franz Liszt

Prayers

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this work knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All **Amen.**

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 17—Christ, Mighty Saviour

Iste Confessor

Postlude Prelude on “Iste Confessor”

F.R.C. Clarke

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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.

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Headsets to assist you to hear the service are available. Please ask a Greeter or Sidesperson (usher) to bring you one.

Accessibility

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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.