



Advent 2

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8 am & 10 am ~ Holy Communion

*All Saints' is committed to the
Pattern of Life of Jesus the Christ lived out in*

Radical Inclusion

***Extravagant Equity and
Compassion that leads to Justice***

Incumbent The Rev Samantha Caravan

Deacon The Rev Suzanne McMillan

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Welcome Home

to the
Anglican Church



Welcome into the sacred space of All Saints' Peterborough, we are so glad you are here. All Saints' is an Anglican Church that is rooted in the pattern of life of Jesus the Christ, our ministry and worship is based on Christ's, Radical Inclusion, Extravagant Equity, and Compassion that Leads to Justice. We invite you to fill out one of our Welcome cards so that we can keep in touch, and please pick up one of our Welcome packages.

Land Acknowledgement

All Saints' Peterborough resides on the sacred land of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the first peoples of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be buried in this land. This sacred land is part of the Rice Lake Purchase, Treaty 20. All Saints' is committed to continued reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings, through continued education and the inclusion of readings from the First Nations Bible.

Liturgical Notes

1. In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews (also called Israelites) of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in God as the ancient peoples of God.
2. Younger and Elder Testament. The traditional terms for the testaments 'Old' and 'New' have been changed to Elder and Younger. This has been done as an act of equity and promise. Old and New are words in our society that add value to things – often anything that is old is considered less valuable than things that are new. In our Christian context the New Testament has replaced the Old Testament, which is not only an incorrect theology, but it has also tied to it ethnic value, and antisemitic tones. The words Elder and Younger are born out of equity, and the Younger Testament is born out of the Elder Testament.

PRELUDE MEDITATION ON CONDITOR ALME
(CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT)

ALEC ROWLEY

INTROIT LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

THE LIGHTING OF THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE

Reader God our life and our breath. We witness your coming in the humility of
service, the poor and marginalized, the new born child. In the heart of each
person we meet, and in the beauty of creation.

All **We watch, wait and witness the mystery of your conception in us.**

The 2nd candle is lit.

Reader Together,

All **We are watching, we are waiting, we are witnessing. Amen.**

HYMN 89 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL Vs. 1, 2, 3, & 7

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *R*

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe. *R*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace. *R*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LAND

Presider All creation sings to the glory of its Creator.

All Thanks be to God for the gift of all peoples, creatures and this planet that sustains us. For our First Nations, Metis, and Inuit siblings and their care of this land we are standing and worshipping on. All things come from God, and we give thanks to God for them. Amen.

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider The grace of our Saviour Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

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 Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Deacon Gracious God we are grateful for the communion of saints, for those we love and no longer see, for those who are present in our lives and who need your grace and healing, we lift up to you Gracious God those in our community who have asked for prayer. For . . . – teach us to be their support, to be the hands, and hearts of your healing grace.

All Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Deacon God of the keen blade,

All which cuts the roots of arrogant power: you raise voices of promise in the dry lands of our desire and children of faith from the stones of the earth; make us ready to receive the Spirit and the fire of love, wild and fierce and free; through Jesus the Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING

Isaiah 11:1-10, NRSV

A reading from the Elder Testament and the writings of the prophet Isaiah. Then a shoot will sprout up from the stump of Jesse; from Jesse's roots, a branch will blossom: the Spirit of God will rest upon you—a spirit of

wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge and the reverence for God. You will delight in obeying God, and you will not judge by appearances, or make decisions by hearsay. You will treat poor people with fairness and you will uphold the rights of the land's downtrodden. With a single word you will strike down tyrants; with your decrees you will execute evil people. Justice will be the belt around your waist, and faithfulness will guide you up.

Then the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the lion cub will graze together, and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear; their young will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like the ox. The baby will play next to the den of the cobra, and the toddler will dance over the viper's nest. There will be no harm, no destruction anywhere in my holy mountain; for as water fills the sea, so the land will be filled with the knowledge of God.

On that day, the Root of Jesse will serve as a symbol to the peoples of the world—nations will flock to you, and your home will be a place of honour.

On that day, God will once more raise a hand to recover the remnant of what is left of the people, and gather them back from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Ethiopia, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the Islands of the sea.

Reader
All Listen for the leading of the Spirit
Thanks be to God

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Inclusive Bible

Psalms 72 is attributed to Solomon, it is a royal psalm, perhaps even a coronation ode. It speaks of the king's responsibility to uphold and administer justice, with divine assistance. I invite you to read the selected verses with me.

O God, you give your anointed one your judgment—and your justice.

Teach your chosen one to govern your people rightly
and bring justice to the oppressed.

The mountains will bring the people peace, and the hills justice!

Your anointed will defend the oppressed among the people, save the children of the poor, and crushed the oppressor.

The reign of your anointed will endure as long as the sun and the moon—throughout all generations.

The rule of the chosen one will be like rain coming down on the meadow, like showers watering the earth.

Justice will flower through their days, and profound peace,
until the moon be no more.

Blessed be God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed forever be God's glorious Name.

May the whole earth be filled with God's glory. Amen, Amen!

READING

Romans 15:4-13, First Nations Bible

A reading from the Younger Testament and the wisdom of the Indigenous ancestors who kept this land, from the ancient text of the letter to the Churches in Rome.

These words were written down long ago so we would learn from them. It is from the Sacred Teachings that we find the hope and strength we need to walk this road of life. I pray that the Great Spirit who walks beside you, keeping your steps firm, will help you walk together in steps with the Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the Chosen One. In this way you will speak with one voice, giving honour to the Great Spirit, the Creator of Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*). Our Honoured Chief, who is the Chosen One.

So, welcome each other with open arms in the same way the Chosen One has honored the Great Spirit by welcoming you. This is what I am saying: the Chosen One came as a servant to our Tribal People, to show that the Great Spirit has kept the promises made to our ancestors and also came to show kindness and mercy to the Outside Nations so that they would also give honour to the Great Spirit.

For the Sacred Teaching say, "I will tell the truth about you to all the Nations, I will sing songs to them to honour your name." They also say, "Dance for joy, all you Nations along with Creators people." And again,

"Give praise to the Great Spirit, all you Outside Nations. Let all people honour the Creator!" And again, the Prophet Creator Helps Us (*Isaiah*) says, "The one who is the root of the Original Man (*Jesse*) will rise up to rule over the Outside Nations, and they will put their hope and trust in him.

My prayer for the Outside Nations is that the Great Spirit ,who gives you this hope, will fill you with the joy and peace that comes from trusting, so that this hope will flow like a river through your lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Prepare the way of the Christ, prepare the way of the Christ,
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

Inclusive Bible

Deacon May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you Jesus the Christ.

At this time John the Baptizer appeared in the desert of Judea, proclaiming, "Change your hearts and minds, for the reign of heaven is about to break in upon you." It was John that the prophet Isaiah described when he said, "A herald's voice cries in the desert: 'Prepare the way of our God, make straight the paths of God.'

John was clothed in a garment of camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. Grasshoppers and wild honey were his food. At that time, Jerusalem, all Judea and the whole region around Jordan were going out to him. John baptized them in the Jordan River as they confessed their sin. When he saw that many of the Pharisees and Sadducees were coming to be baptized, John said to them, "You pack of snakes! Who told you to flee from the coming wrath? Give some evidence that you mean to reform! And do not pride yourselves on the claim, 'Sarah and Abraham are our parents.'" I tell you, God can raise children for Sarah and Abraham from these very stones!

Even now the axe is laid at the root of the tree. Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I will baptize you in water if you have a change of heart, but the One who will follow me is more powerful

than I. I am not fit even to untie the sandals of the Coming One! That One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire, whose winnowing-fan will clear the threshing floor. The grain will be gathered into the barn, but the chaff will be burned in an unquenchable fire.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Prepare the way of the Christ, prepare the way of the Christ,
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

SERMON Rt. Rev. Philip Poole, Retired.

Silence is kept for reflection.

APOSTLES CREED

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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 the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon God of our Advent,

All hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy.

Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not

loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus the Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sin, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus the Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Offertory Plates are at the front of the church.

You are also invited to make an offering to the ongoing ministry of All Saints' Peterborough by either dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church or by clicking to donate button on our website.

HYMN 106 THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places, where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
The power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;

You stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;
In pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Covenant God,
All **As a sign of devotion to you and your vision for the world, we bring these gifts. May they bring light to those who have lost their way, hope to the despairing, and freedom for those held in bondage. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *Advent ~ Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher*

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to our Saviour God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Bountiful God, we give thanks to you, for you brought into being your glorious creation and crafted human life in your image. Your prophets promised that a young woman would conceive a son, the One in who, your truth would live, God with us. Through the voice of Mary, your Holy Spirit rejoiced in the wonder of the child eternally begotten of the Creator.

Through the lips of Jospeh, you spoke the long-awaited name Emmanuel. A sword pierced their hearts when your Son, Jesus was crucified at the hands of empire, but in his resurrection, you make a new family of the redeemed, the restored, and the renewed. And so, with angels and archangels and all the company of earth and heaven, we lift our voices in joyful celebration as we join the unending hymn.

All Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
 Blest is the One comes in the name of God.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider Living God, as your Son was nourished by Mary's body, feed and nourish us, your body, with this holy meal, your very self, that we may grow into the fulness of life, dwelling in you as your Spirit breathes through us.
 Send your Holy Spirit on us now that we may in this space and time be the body of Christ, to nourish the life of your world.
 Send your Spirit upon this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and sacrifice of your Son, Jesus the Christ our Redeemer; who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
 After supper he took the cup. Again, gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my sacrifice of the new covenant, which is offered for you and for many for the gift of the forgiveness of sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Presider Fearless God, who came in a dream to Joseph, dream through us anew today. Speak into our places of fear. Transcend and transform all that keeps us from living your dream of a Beloved Community. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Dream into life in this very place a church renewed by the leading of your Spirit. Dream through our hands and feet your kingdom, where the hungry are filled with good things, the lowly lifted up, and the oppressed set free, until that day when the life of heaven and earth shall be made one, through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, one everlasting God, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from

the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY

Presider God of promise, you prepare a banquet of hope and grace, joy and justice. You gather us and call us to be the Body of Christ in this time and space.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI HYMN ~ CHOIR

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion at All Saints'; this is God's table open to all.
Please follow the instruction of the sides people.*

*For those present in spirit, the following prayer may be said to
make a spiritual communion.*

I worship and adore you, Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus the 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, present in bread and wine, be present in my heart and feed and renew my soul. Amen.

ANTHEM CHRIST HAS NO BODY BUT YOURS DAVID OGDEN

Christ has no body but yours—No hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes with which he sees. Yours are the feet with which he walks. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, Yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes.
Christ has no body but yours—No hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes with which he sees. Yours are the feet with which he walks. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Almighty God,

All **once again you have given us what we need: sacrament, one another, hope for a better day. With renewed energy we offer ourselves to be sent**

out in your name; hopeful, grateful, useful, leaders of liberation,
proclaimers of your love. Amen.

Presider Glory to God,
All Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or
 imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and
 in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 88 COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS STUTTGART

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY ON WINCHESTER NEW C. S. LANG

Advent and Christmas

Sunday, Dec 7 ~ Advent 2 ~ Guest Preacher Rt. Rev. Philip Poole, Ret.

Eucharist at 8am quiet, 10am, sung ~ with Guest Bishop Philip Poole

Tuesday, Dec 9 ~ Advent Retreat with Bishops

6:30pm Soup; 7:30 – 9pm Bishop's Retreat ~ Upper Parish Hall

Thursday, Dec 11 ~ Monthly Eucharist

10am in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch.

Sunday Dec 14 ~ Advent 3

Eucharist at 8 and 10am

2 pm ~Christmas Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, Dec 16 ~ Advent Retreat with Bishops

6:30pm Soup; 7:30 – 9pm Bishop's Retreat ~ Upper Parish Hall

Saturday, Dec 20 ~ Christmas Family Brunch

10 am – 12 noon ~ Delicious food, great company and lots of crafts and fun!

Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome.

Sunday, Dec 21 ~ Advent 4

Eucharist at 8am quiet, 10am, sung

Christmas Eve

1:15 pm Pageant Party, hot chocolate, costumes, and fun! Everyone is welcome to participate in the pageant.

2 pm Christmas Pageant with Eucharist

9pm Candle-light Choral Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Day

10 am Quiet Eucharist

Christmas Dinner 4 – 7pm. Everyone is welcome ~ come and be family.

All Saints' Peterborough
Presents

**A Free
Christmas
Family
Brunch**

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 20TH
10 AM - 12 PM**

**IN THE
PARISH
HALL!**

A free, delicious meal featuring
pancakes, eggs, juice, and fruit
Fun Advent-themed activities for
kids and families
Advent crafts and colouring

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A colorful illustration for a family brunch. It features a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, a girl with dark hair and bangs, and a girl with brown hair and a red bow. In the background, there's a bowl of cereal with fruit, a stack of pancakes with syrup, a banana, and a red apple. A small Christmas tree is on the left, and a cupcake is above the main title.

ALL SAINTS' PETERBOROUGH

Christmas

PAGEANT

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24TH

LEARN THE CHRISTMAS STORY
WITH YOUR FAMILY... AND BE PART OF IT!

JOIN IN! SIGN UP FOR THE PAGEANT TODAY!

1:15 PM PAGEANT PARTY, COSTUMES, AND HOT CHOCOLATE
2:00 PM FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE WITH PAGEANT

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**ROLES BIG & SMALL
FOR CHILDREN
OF ALL AGES**

An illustration for a Christmas pageant. It shows two angels with wings and halos on the left and right. In the center, there's a bright star. Below the text, there are illustrations of children in costumes: a boy in a green robe holding a baby, a boy in an orange robe, a girl in a grey sheep costume, and a boy in a brown robe. A reindeer is also visible in the background.

ALL SAINTS' CHOIR PRESENTS

Christmas

Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DEC 14TH

2PM

Join us for this beloved Christmas tradition
of sacred text, Christmas carols, hymns,
and choir anthems

Special Guest is Amy Stumpf, French Horn



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