



Season of Pentecost

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*All Saints' is committed to
Radical Inclusion
Extravagant Equity and
Compassion that leads to Justice*

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Welcome Home

to the
Anglican Church



Welcome to the sacred space of All Saints' Peterborough—we are glad you are here. We are an Anglican church rooted in the pattern of life of Jesus the Christ, grounded in radical inclusion, extravagant equity, and compassion that leads to justice. Please fill out a Welcome Card so we can stay in touch and pick up a Welcome Package.

Land Acknowledgement

All Saints' Peterborough stands on the sacred land of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the first peoples of this land. We honour their ancestors and this land, part of the Rice Lake Purchase (Treaty 20).

We are committed to ongoing reconciliation through learning and by including readings from the First Nations Version of the Bible in our worship.

Liturgical Notes

Israel

In Christian liturgy, "Israel" refers to the historic Hebrew people (Israelites) of the ancient Near East or, theologically, to all who place their faith and trust in God—it does not refer to the modern political state.

Elder and Younger Testaments

We use "Elder" and "Younger" instead of "Old" and "New" as an act of racial equity, antisemitism, and theological care. These terms reflect that the Younger Testament grows out of and remains connected to the Elder Testament, without replacing it.

Inclusive Language

Grounded in our commitment to radical inclusion and extravagant equity, we seek to use expansive language for God. At times, traditional terms such as "Father" and pronouns like "He" are used within the Church's long tradition, held in balance with language that reflects the fullness and mystery of God.

PRELUDE

HYMN 444 YOUR HAND, O GOD, HAS GUIDED

THORNBURY

Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written full clear on every page.
Our forebears knew your goodness, and we their deeds record,
And both of this bear witness: 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least;
They bade them rise, and hasten to share the royal feast;
And this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming, 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

When shadows, thickly falling, engulfed the world in night,
You summoned forth your servants, your messengers of light.
On them and on your people your plenteous grace was poured,
And this was still their message: 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

And we, shall we be faithless, shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle, and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored:
The covenant of promise, 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
With your right hand to help us, your people shall be one;
And then, by all creation, your name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem: 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

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, Redeemer, and Pattern of Life. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader Scandalous God,

All sowing weeds among the crop, raising bread with impure yeast, offering treasure beyond price, casting a net that catches good and bad: throw down our mean idols of purity and possession and let the Son of Man show us your inclusive, provocative, wide-branching love; through Jesus the Christ, the stumbling block. Amen.

Leader 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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading Genesis 29:15-28

NRSV

A reading from the Elder Testament and the book of beginnings, Genesis.

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so, he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So, Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to

him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So, Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 105:1-11, 45c

NRSV

Psalm 105:1-11, 45c is a specific liturgical scripture reading—frequently selected for the Revised Common Lectionary—that celebrates God's unchanging faithfulness, God's covenant with Abraham, and the joyful response of human worship. I invite you to read the psalm responsively with me.

Give thanks to the Holy One; call upon God's name;
make God's deeds known to all people!

Sing to God; sing praises to God; dwell on all God's wondrous works!

Give praise to God's holy name!

Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking God!

Pursue God's strength; seek God's face always!

Remember the wondrous works he has done,

all the marvelous works, and justice God declared—you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

The Holy One—is our God.

God's justice is everywhere throughout the whole world.

God remembers the covenant forever,
the word God commanded to a thousand generations,
which was made with Abraham, the solemn pledge sworn to Isaac.

God set it up as binding law for Jacob, as an eternal covenant for Israel,
promising, "I hereby give you the land of Canaan as your allotted inheritance."
all so that they would keep God's laws and observe God's instructions.

As an ongoing act of reconciliation, the Epistle is read from the First Nations Bible.

Reading Romans 8:26-39

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 Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

"In the same way, his Spirit helps us in our weakness, for our prayers are often empty words, but Creator's own Spirit groans deep within us, without words, making our weak prayers strong. The one who sees into our hearts knows the Spirit's thoughts and prays with us in our weakness, so we can become who he created us to be. In all these things, Creator is working to bring good to the ones who love him, the ones he chose according to his ancient purpose. For he knew long ago what kind of people he would choose. He decided ahead of time to make them to be like his firstborn Son who is the Elder of the sacred family. The Great Spirit chose them, invited them, set them right with him, and gave them a life that shines with beauty and honor.

What more can be said? If Creator stands with us, who can stand against us? If the Great Spirit did not hold back his own Son, but instead gave him up for us all, will he then hold back on anything else? Along with his Son, he will give us all there is to give. No one can accuse Creator's chosen ones of being guilty, for the Great Spirit himself has decided in their favor. Who could speak against them when it is Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One who speaks for them? Yes, the one who died and was raised now sits at Creator's right hand and represents them in his prayers.

What could come between us and the power of this kind of love? Could times of sorrow and suffering, do it? How about not having enough food to eat or clothes to wear? What about danger from weapons and warfare?

It is written in our Sacred Teachings, "Because of you we face death every day. We are counted only as sheep to be violently killed." But as we walk the path of the one who loved us, then, like him, we are greater and more powerful than all who come against us.

One thing I know for sure. Nothing can separate us from Creator's love. Not death or life. "Not spirit-messengers or dark spirit-rulers. Nothing from the spirit-world above or on the earth below. Nothing today or in the days to come. Not one thing in all creation can separate us from Creator's great love, a love that is ours in the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), our Honored Chief!"

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALL Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to God's name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to God's name.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Inclusive Bible

Gospeller May God be with you.

All And also with you

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Jesus presented another parable to the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like the mustard seed which a farmer sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all—it becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come to perch in its branches."

Jesus offered them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a baker took and mixed in with three measures of flour until it was leavened all through."

The kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure found in a field. The ones who discovered it hid it again, and rejoicing at the discovery, went and sold all their possessions and bought that field.

"Or again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant's search for fine pearls. When one pearl of great value was found, the merchant went back and sold everything else and bought it.

"Or again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collected all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishers hauled it ashore. Then, sitting down, they collected the good ones in a basket and threw away those that were of no use.

This is how it will be at the end of time. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the just and throw the wicked into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" "Yes," they answered.

To this Jesus replied, "Every religious scholar who has become a student of the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who can bring from the storeroom both the new and the old."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to God's name.

SERMON Rev. Samantha Caravan

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

Leader Gracious God,

All hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider And with the disciples we ask, "But, Jesus when have we seen you hungry and given you food, or thirsty and given you something to drink? And when was it that we saw a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

People We confess that we fail to see Jesus in the people around us, in those we love and those we do not love. Gracious God, lest we think our words alone are sufficient, today as we confess - we fall silent before you.

Silence is held for personal confession.

Presider May God, who is our constant companion surround us with love and grace. God has accepted our confession, we are forgiven, and the blessing of God, Creator, Word, and Life-Giving Spirit be with us now and for evermore. **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 292 WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOUR HEAL

YE BANKS AND BRAES

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to our Saviour God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus the Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. In fulfilment of your promise, you pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim by our service and love your gospel to all nations and to serve you as the body of Christ. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all those created in your image, to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

Presider We remember that on the night before Jesus was killed by those who feared him, he sat at table with his disciples, friends, family, and children, sharing in the feast of the Passover, which is the celebration of the liberation of God's people.

And remembering God's power, Jesus took bread, and after he had given thanks and blessed it, he broke it saying, "This is my work and my life, for you and with you. Take it all of you and do this remembering me.

After dinner Jesus took the Elijah Cup, the cup that was traditionally reserved for the Holy One to come. But instead of waiting, Jesus passed it to them as it is now being passed on to us, and he said, "This is the cup of the new covenant. It is the cup of justice and peace poured out for all. Drink of it all of you and do this remembering me.

Each time that we break bread together we participate in the Body of the Risen Christ, for we are the Body of the Risen Christ. And each time we share this cup we participate in the New Community for we are God's hope of the New Community. Let us consecrate these elements as we together we proclaim!

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

Presider Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, into these gifts of bread and wine. Send your Holy Spirit into us, that we may recognize each other as members of the same body, Christ's hands and feet and heart, sent for the healing of the world. All this we ask in your name. **Amen**

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 We break this bread to share in the life and witness of Jesus the Christ.

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

Presider The gift of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI HYMN 747

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION

We welcome you to receive Communion at All Saints'.

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.**

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

HYMN 471 LET MY PEOPLE SEEK THEIR FREEDOM

ALT TUNE 587 EBENEZER

From the slave pens of the Delta, from the ghettos on the Nile,
Let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness awhile:
So, God spoke from out of Sinai, so God spoke, and it was done,
And the people crossed the waters toward the rising of the sun.

From the aging shrines and structures, from the cloister and the aisle,
Let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness a while:
So, the Son of God has spoken, and the storm clouds are unfurled,
For his people must be scattered to be servants in the world.

When we murmur on the mountains for the old Egyptian plains,
When we miss our ancient bondage and the hope, the promise, wanes,
Then the rock shall yield its water and the manna fall by night,
and with visions of a future shall we march toward the light.

In the maelstrom of the nations, in the journey into space,
In the clash of generations, in the hungering for grace,
In our agony and glory, we are called to newer ways
By the God* of our tomorrows and the God of earth's today's.

Leader Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves. Thanks be to God.