



Revolutionary Worship

Honouring Jesus with our whole lives

Easter Season

May 10, 2026

*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.

Retell what Christ's great love has done,
how crib and cross the victory won:
God's call obeyed, temptations faced,
the good news preached, then death embraced.
Let us who share his Easter light sing praise to God, our chief delight.

Recall the covenant of grace in which you freely find your place:
with water washed, at table fed, in Christ alive, to self now dead.
Then with your lives, by day and night,
sing praise to God, your chief delight.

Review the tapestry of saints, that canvas which the Spirit paints:
a prophet scorned, a teacher famed, a host unknown and unacclaimed,
yet one and all who fought the fight sing praise to God, their chief delight.

Rehearse the chorus of the heart, let all earth's hopes and fears take part:
the shouts of youth, the cries of age,
the prisoner's groans, the victims' rage.
And may each voice which seeks the right
sing praise to God, its chief delight.

Rejoice at what Christ yet will do, intent on making all things new:
the hungry filled, the peaceful blessed,
the wounded healed, each heart at rest.
Then sing, till faith gives way to sight, in praise of God, our chief delight.

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LAND

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

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

All May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

Presider There is one body and one Spirit.

All There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider One Saviour, one faith, one baptism.

All One God and Creator of all.

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader Three-fold God of love,

All you invite us to abide in you. May we follow the Spirit of truth, so that through us your commanding love may speak to the heart of the world; through Jesus the Christ our Redeemer, and Pattern of Life. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading Acts 17:22-31

NRSV

A reading from the Younger Testament and the account known as the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is Creator of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since it is God who gives to all mortal's life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor God created all nations to inhabit the whole earth and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for God and find God - though indeed God is not far from each one of us. For 'In God we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, because the day of judgement has been fixed, a day on which the world judged in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising Christ from the dead."

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 115 NRSV

Psalm 115 is a hymn of communal praise; its author is unknown. It is known for contrasting the sovereignty of the one true God with the utter helplessness of man-made idols. The psalmist reminds us that God is superior to visible idols, even though God is invisible to us.

The psalm is an encouragement to the Israelites to worship the true God rather than the many idols in their society and life. I invite you to read the psalm with me responsively.

Not to us, O God, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Our God is in the heavens; and does all that God pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.

Those who make them become like them; so, do all who trust in them.
O Israel, trust in God! God is their help and their shield.
O house of Aaron, trust in God! God is their help and their shield.

You who fear God, trust in God! God is their help and their shield.
God has remembered us; and will bless us; will bless the house of Israel;
will bless the house of Aaron;

God will bless those who fear them, both the small and the great.
May God give you increase, you and your children!

May you be blessed by God, who made heaven and earth!
The heavens are God's heavens, but the earth God has given to the
children of man.

The dead do not praise God, nor do any who go down into silence.
But we will bless God from this time forth and forevermore. Praise God!

Reading 1 Peter 3:13-31

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 first letter of Peter.

At times our Indigenous siblings add historical, cultural, and geographical notes – for this reading from first Peter, in relation to the great flood the following has been added.

This happened long ago in ancient times when the world was filled with violence and almost every human heart was taken over with violence and evil. Creator had to cleanse the earth with a great flood that drowned all living things. The only ones who survived were a family of the One Who Rests (Noah), along with the animals he chose, who entered into the great wooden canoe Creator told him to build.

If you give yourselves fully to doing good, who would want to harm you? But even if you should suffer for doing what is right, remember that Creator's blessing rests on you. So do not fear what they can do to you or be troubled by their threats. Instead, set your hearts on the Chosen One. As your Honoured Chief. Always be ready to give an answer to the one who asks about the hope you carry inside of you. Give your answer to them in a kind and respectful way. Do what you know deep inside to be right so when outsiders accuse you, they will be put to shame as you walk in a good way following the Chosen One. For if it is what the Great Spirit wants, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong. The Chosen One died once for the broken ways of all people. The one who always does right suffered for those who do wrong to make a way for us to come to the Great Spirit. In his weak human body, he was put to death, but he was made alive in the spirit. In the spirit the Chosen One went and told his story to the spirits that had been held captive from long ago. These were the spirits of human beings who refused to walk in the ways of the Great Spirit. This was before the great flood in the time of the One Who Rests, (*Noah*), when Creator waited patiently for the great wooden canoe to be built. A small number, only eight people, were brought safely through the waters of the flood. The story of what happened then is a way to understand our purification ceremony with water, a ceremony that is performed to set us free and make us whole. This ceremony does not just wash the dirt from our bodies. It shows that from deep inside we are crying out for the Creator to set us free by what he did when he raised Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the Chosen One from the dead.

The Chosen One now sits in his honoured place at Creator's right hand in the spirit-world above. From there, the Chosen One rules over all spirit-messengers, authorities and powers.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hymn 405

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.

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GOSPEL John 14:15-21

Inclusive Bible

Deacon May God be with you.

All And also with you

Deacon The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to John.

All Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples – “If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always - the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you will see me; because I live, and you will live as well.

On that day you will know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by God, I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.”

At the conclusion of the gospel.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

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SERMON Rev. Dr. Ben Peltz

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

Intercessor To you, O God, we pray,
All answer us with mercy.

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,

People 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. 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

O ANCIENT LOVE

O ancient love, processing through the ages;
O hidden love, revealed in human form;
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages;
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger;
O lowly love, that knows the might scorn;
O hungry love, that lay within a manger:
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow;
O tender love, that comforts those forlorn;
O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O suffering love, that bears our human weakness;
O boundless love, that rises with the morn;
O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

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

Evangelical Lutheran Eucharist Prayer #7

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to our Saviour God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus the Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of ev'ry nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People **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 who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherish them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Saviour Jesus the Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my life's work and love which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, offered for you and all people for the gift of forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim Christ until his coming again.

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember Jesus' life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all the sin and sorrow of the world will be no more.

People **Amen. Come, Christ Jesus.**

Presider Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire

rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

People Amen. Come, Christ Jesus.

Presider Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the grace of the Redeemer: through whom all glory and honour is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, now and forever.

People 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 Christ, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb,

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.

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'.
Gluten free bread is available, the wine contains alcohol.
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.

CHOIR ANTHEM OH FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

C. V. STANFORD

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 BECAUSE YOU LIVE O CHRIST

Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower,
The darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.

REFRAIN The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison.

O sing this Easter Day, for Jesus Christ has risen,
Has risen, has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ, the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying,
Our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life-denying. *R*

Because you live, O Christ, the rainbow of your peace will span creation,
The colours of your love will draw all humankind to adoration. *R*

Leader Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

ELEANOR WHITSETT



Sunday, May 10 Easter Season

8am Said Communion service

10am Sung Communion service with choir, family friendly with activities for children

Thursday, May 14 Monthly Eucharist

10am Monthly Eucharist in the language of the Book of Common Prayer followed by a luncheon.

Friday, May 15 Community Meal

5 – 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 16 Music in the Hall

7pm Heart Light Band – all proceeds are designated for the Food Security Ministry.

Sunday, May 17 Easter Season

8am Said Communion service

10am Sung Communion service with choir, family friendly with activities for children

**Sunday, May 24 Pentecost & the Celebration of Rev. Suzanne McMillan
20 years of Ordination and faithful service as the Deacon of All Saints'**

8am Said Communion service

10am Sung Communion service with choir, family friendly with activities for children

Sunday, May 31 Trinity Sunday

8am Said Communion service

10am Sung Communion service with choir, family friendly with activities for children



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