



Season of Creation ~ Feast of St. Francis
Eucharist

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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 the terms "Elder Testament" and "Younger Testament" rather than "Old" and "New" as an expression of racial equity, theological care, and our ongoing commitment to confronting antisemitism. These terms acknowledge that the Younger Testament emerges from and remains deeply connected to the Elder Testament, rather than replacing or superseding 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.

HYMN 414 GOD OF THE SPARROW

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe, how does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe, how does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace, how does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care, how does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love, how does the creature say Peace

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy, how do your children say Home

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 O God,
All by whose gift Saint Francis was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility, grant that, by walking in Francis' footsteps, we may follow your Son, and, through joyful charity, come to be united with you. Through our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. 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 Job 39:1-18 NRSV
A reading from the Elder Testament and the great book of the challenge, Job. 'Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. 'Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. 'Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after

you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

'The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

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

Psalm 121

Gen Synod 2016 Trial Psalter

Psalm 121 is a psalm of Ascent and explores the theme of seeking help, emphasizing that ultimate support comes from the Creator. It provides comfort by promising that God actively watches over, guards, and protects believers from all harm, both now and forevermore. I invite you to read the psalm responsively with me.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; **from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Eternal One will not let your foot be moved
and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Eternal One, God, watches over you; and is your shade at your side,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

God shall preserve you from all evil and shall keep you safe.
**God shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

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

Reading Galatians 6:14-18 *First Nations Bible*
A reading from the Younger Testament and the wisdom of the Indigenous ancestors who kept the land, from the ancient letter of Paul to the Galatian Church.
"May I never brag except in what our Honoured Chief, Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One, has done by dying on the cross. For I was nailed to the cross with the Chosen One. That is how I died to the ways of this world and how the ways of this world died to me. So, it no longer matters whether one participates in the cutting of the flesh ceremony or not. What matters is that you are a new creation in the Chosen One.
May peace and mercy rest on all who walk true to this way of seeing and thinking, and on the people of the Great Spirit who together form the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (*Israel*).
Last of all, let no one trouble me any longer, for on my body I bear the scars that mark me as a follower of Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*).
My sacred family members may the gift of the great kindness of our Honoured Chief, Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One, guide your spirit on the road of life.
Aho! May it be so!

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 11:25-30 *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.**
Then Jesus prayed, "God, Creator of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever, you

have revealed to the youngest children. Yes, God, everything is as you want it to be.”

Jesus continued, “Everything has been handed over to me by God. No one knows the Only Begotten except God, and no one knows God except the Only Begotten—and those to whom the Only Begotten wants to give that revelation.

Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulder’s and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Here you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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 Cormac Culkeen, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
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.

PRAYER FOR FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Leader Living God,
All whose mystery is always more than we can know or name: we thank you for the creatures with whom we share our world and for the animal companions with whom we share our homes. For all creatures give us

the vision to respect their dignity, nurture their habitats, and free them from exploitation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Creator God,
All knit us into one community.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy.
Let us confess our sins, 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.

Silence is held for personal silent confession

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 THIS IS GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD
This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!

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 We give you thanks and praise, God our Creator. Your infinite love created
a universe of wonder. At the dawn of time your Word summoned light and
bade it blaze forth in the darkness..
From your breath sprang the dance of the stars in the night sky.
You laid the foundations of the earth, spread out the seas,
and stretched out the heavens like a tent above our heads.

You brought forth life in marvelous variety: mosses, grasses and trees
insects and animals that move with grace and beauty,
birds that ride the winds, and the shimmering creatures of the waters.
All creation bears witness to you: your glory shines forth in the night sky;
your wisdom is seen in the cunning miracle of a living cell; your care is
found in the generous bounty of the earth; your joy flashes forth in a hawk
on the wing; your beauty meets us in the birth of each new day.
All things praise you in their own way,
and we join in that chorus as we sing:

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

Presider For such praise you created us, youngest of all your creatures:
alongside all of creation you formed us of the earth, along with all life we
are quickened by your breath, but of all creation you made us to bear your
image in loving care for all creation.
You call us to lift the voices of all creatures to praise you through language,
music, and art. But we have failed you, failed your creation,
and failed our own nature. We have forgotten our connection with the
earth and all life. We imagine ourselves masters of our own destiny.
We have betrayed our duty to care for creation and exploit it ruthlessly in
our shortsighted greed.
To recall us to our true nature, you sent your Son Jesus.
In him divinity entered into creation, sharing our human flesh,
showing us our true calling as servants and priests of creation.
When Jesus was led by our selfishness, fear, and lust for power
to cruel suffering and death, he did not abandon us.
Gathering his disciples on the night before his death,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it, saying:
“This is my body, given for you. Take and eat” – that I may dwell in you,
that you may become my body, bringing nourishment and life to all.
After supper he took the cup of wine, blessed it and shared it with them,
saying: “This is my blood, shed for you. Drink this” – that you might have a
part in my death, dying to selfishness, violence, and sin, and raised to the
redeemed life of the kingdom.

Remembering his sharing of our flesh, his embrace of life and acceptance of death, his glorious resurrection as the first born of your new Creation, we offer ourselves, our lives and labour and aspirations to you, O God. May we be transformed into the Body of Christ, that we might fulfil our purpose of caring for Creation, and giving praise to you our Creator. Pour out on us anew your Holy Spirit, the breath of life, who nourishes and sustains all things living, who sighs for redemption in all Creation and in the depths of our hearts. Sanctify to us this meal of the Kingdom. Renew our hearts, renew our lives, renew the face of the earth. Gather all nations and all creatures together into your peaceable kingdom, where together, in infinite diversity, we may sing with joy your praise, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and evermore. **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.

ANTHEM ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

JOHN RUTTER

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 429 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

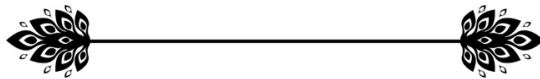
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

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

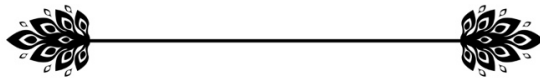
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POSTLUDE MENUET GOTHIQUE

LEON BOELLMANN



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Sunday, Oct 4 ~ Season of Creation, Feast of St. Francis

8am ~ Spoken Eucharistic

10am ~ Sung Eucharistic with Choir and Family ~ bring your pet to church for a blessing!

Thursday, Oct 8 – Monthly Eucharist

10am Eucharist in the language of the Book of Common Prayer

Followed by lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Friday, Oct 9 – ACW Meeting 1 pm

Guest speaker from Elizabeth Fry Society.

Sunday, Oct 11 – Harvest Thanksgiving

8am ~ Spoken Eucharistic

10am ~ Sung Eucharistic with Choir and Family

Friday, Oct 16 – Community Meal

5 – 6:30pm – Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, Oct 18 – Season of Pentecost

8am ~ Spoken Eucharistic

10am ~ Sung Eucharistic with Choir and Family – Instructed Eucharist, the Word

Wednesday, Oct 21 – Parish Council
6pm Light dinner ~ 7 – 8:30pm – Meeting

Saturday, Oct 24 – Music in the Hall
7pm – Carling Steven and Rob Philips

Sunday, Oct 25 – Season of Pentecost
8am ~ Spoken Eucharistic
10am ~ Sung Eucharistic with Choir and Family – Instructed Eucharist, the Eucharist

Friday, Oct 30 – Gather – Belong – Grow - Serve
5 – 7pm Children, Youth, and Family Dinner

