



Easter Season ~ Feast of the Ascension
May 17, 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.

PRELUDE This Day in Triumph God the Son
(Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn) (BWV 630)

J. S. BACH

HYMN 372 PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHTS *ALT TUNE 234 RICHMON*

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

O generous love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail:

And that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine;
God's presence and his very self, and essence all-divine;

Who in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,
Should teach his followers, and inspire to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

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 One,

All relationship in unity, love given and received through all the ages long: give us that unity which is not uniformity but alive and accepting with the open heart of love; through Jesus the Christ, the image of God. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading Acts 1:6-16

NRSV

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

So, when they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Rabbi, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that God the Creator has set by God's own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together

with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 NRSV
Psalm 68 is a historic hymn composed by King David that celebrates God's triumphant power, care for the helpless, and God's march from Egypt through the wilderness to the sanctuary in Jerusalem. Historically recognized as one of the most dynamic and complex entries in the Psalter, it weaves together military imagery, historical reflection, and prophetic celebration. The psalm ends with a universal call to all kingdoms (nations) of the earth to sing praises to God, who rides across the ancient heavens and thunders with a mighty voice. I invite you to read the selected verse responsively with me.

Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; let those who hate you flee before you.

Like drifting smoke disperse them; like wax melting in the fire, let the wicked perish at your presence, O God.

But let the righteous be glad and exult before you; let them rejoice with exceeding joy.

Sing praises to God's holy name; make a highway for the One who rides the clouds; be joyful and exult in God's presence.

Guardian of orphans, protector of widows, O God, in your holy dwelling, you give the lonely a home in which to live;

you lead the prisoners out to prosperity; but the rebels must live in a wasteland.

When you went out at the head of your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain before you, God of Sinai, God of Israel.

You sent down generous rain; you refreshed your heritage when it languished.

There your people found a home,
which in your goodness you provided for the poor.

**Sing to God, dominions of the earth, praise the One who has
dominion, the One who rides through the heavens, even the primal
heavens, the One whose voice is the mighty thunder.**

Acknowledge the power that is God's, whose majesty is over Israel,
whose strength is the skies.

**You are awesome, O God, as you leave your sanctuary,
bringing power and strength to your people.
Blessed are you, God of Israel. Blessed are you.**

Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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. My much-loved ones, do not be caught off guard by the fiery trial that you now face, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be glad that you share in the sufferings of the Chosen One. The more you share in his suffering's, the more you will dance for joy when his shining-greatness is revealed. If you are treated with scorn and contempt because you follow the Chosen One, you are blessed. For this is a sign that the beauty of his Spirit and of the Creator is resting on you.

So, humble yourselves under the Creator's powerful hand, and when the time is right, he will highly honour you. The Great Spirit cares deeply about you, so gather all your worries into a blanket and throw them on his shoulders. He will carry them for you.

Stay alert and remain calm, for your opponent, the evil trickster prowls about, roaring like a mountain lion, looking for someone to devour. Take your stand against him, firm in your trust, knowing that all over the world other sacred family members are suffering in the same way. But you will not have to suffer for long, for the Great Spirit who gives us his gift of great kindness will restore you, set your feet on solid ground, and strengthen you. For he has called you into the bright-shining greatness of the Chosen One that will never fade away.

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

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.
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 Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

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 looked up to the heaven and said, "God, the hour has come! Glorify your only begotten that I may glorify you, through the authority you have given me over all humankind; by bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me. And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the One you have sent, Jesus, the Messiah. I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, God, glorify me with your own glory, the glory I had with you before the world began. I have manifested your name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your Word. Now they know that everything you have entrusted to me does indeed come from you. I entrusted to them the message you have entrusted to me, and they have received it. They know that I really come from you; they believe it was you who sent me. And it is for them that I pray – not for the world, but for these you have given me – for they are really yours, just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. Holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your name – the Name that you gave me – that they may be one, even as we are one.

At the conclusion of the gospel.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

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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

Intercessor Ascended Saviour,

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 383 JESUS SHALL REIGN

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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 ABOVE ALL PRAISE AND ALL MAJESTY

MENDELSSOHN

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

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

VU 189 ASCENSION

Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah!
Taken from our wondering eyes, hallelujah!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, hallelujah!
Reascends his native heaven. Hallelujah!

There the glorious triumph waits; hallelujah!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; hallelujah!
Christ has conquered death and sin; hallelujah!
Take the King of glory in. Hallelujah!

Though returning to his throne, hallelujah!
Still he calls the world his own; hallelujah!
Him though highest heaven receives, hallelujah!
Still he loves the world he leaves. Hallelujah!

See, he lifts his hands above; hallelujah!
See, he shows the prints of love, hallelujah!
Hark, his gracious lips bestow, hallelujah!
Blessing on the church below. Hallelujah!

Still for us he intercedes, hallelujah!
His prevailing death he pleads, hallelujah!
Near himself prepares our place, hallelujah!
First-fruits of our human race. Hallelujah!

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

WILBUR HELD



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'

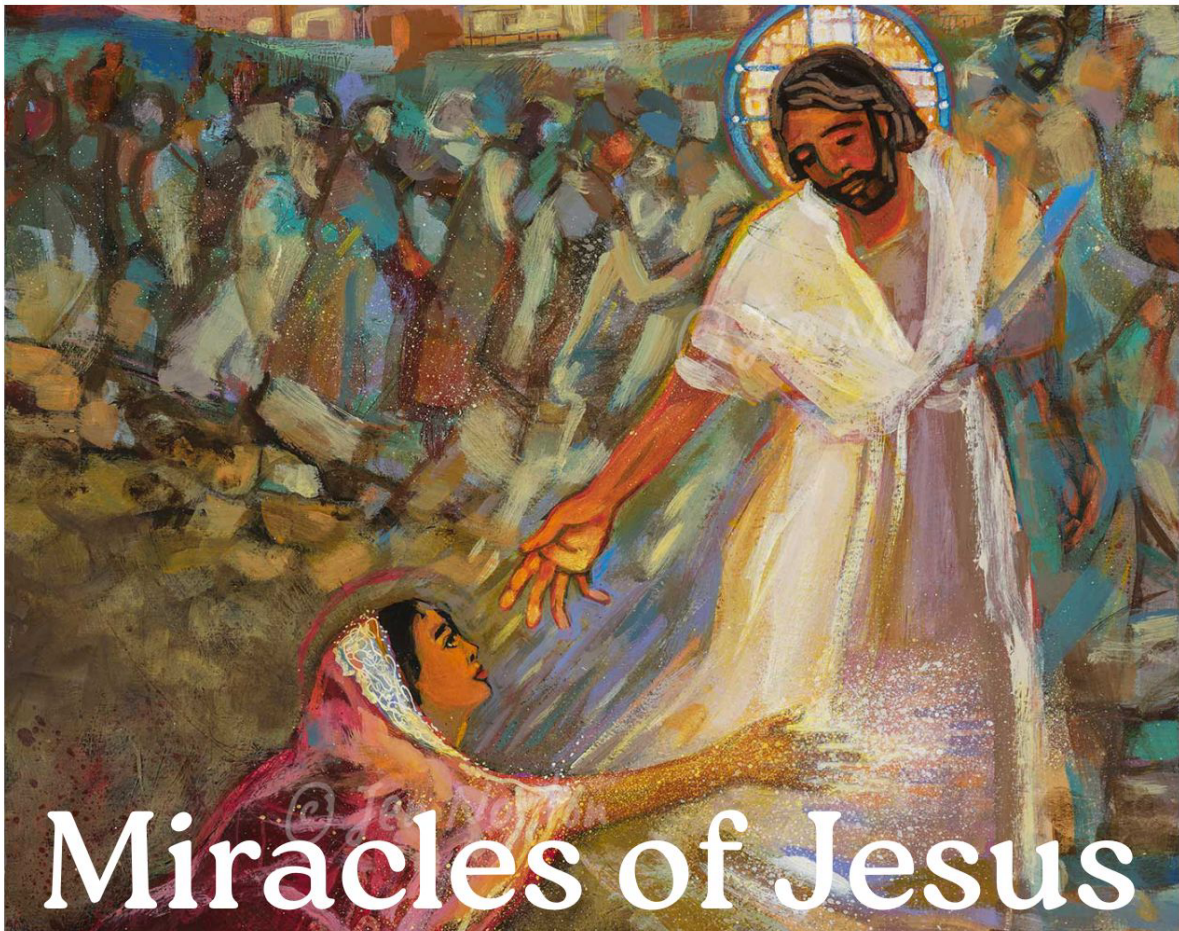
8am Said Communion service

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



Miracles of Jesus

How can these old miracle stories speak good news to our lives in this time and place and invite our own healing and transformation along the way?

Using Dr. Amy Jill-Levine's work Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus, we will explore some Jesus' miracles from an historical and theological context. Led by The Rev. Cathy Gibbs, an experienced teacher in Christian Spirituality.

Tuesdays in June (2, 9, 16, 23) via zoom. 7 - 8:30 PM

To receive the link, email pastor@saintlukes.ca.

Parishes are encouraged to set up viewing parties so that conversations may be shared around a table.

This workshop is part of a year-long series of learning and retreat opportunities for Anglicans in Peterborough Deanery and their friends, funded by the Diocese of Toronto. All are welcome.