



Sunday, December 5, 2021
8:30 am & 10:30 am

Holy Communion

All Saints' is ...

*A Worshipping Community, Celebrating God
A Compassionate Community, Mirroring Christ
A Community of Light, Revealing the Spirit*

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WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LAND

Celebrant Creator, you made all people of every land.

All It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the first peoples of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be buried in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the Peoples of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1 Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the baptizer, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Reader 2 We light this candle to help us on our journey.

MUSIC THERE IS 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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OPENING PRAYERS

Presider John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.

All Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Deacon God of the wilderness way,

All Whose word scours our smooth evasions: take us on the unbending road to the raw center of our world with a cry of invitation and the call of sudden grace; through Jesus the Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading

Baruch 5:1-9, NRSV

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of God's glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from God.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

Canticle 19 Said Together

"Blessed are you, most high God of Israel – for you have visited and redeemed your people. You have raised up a mighty Saviour for us of the house of David, as you promised through the mouths of your holy ones, the prophets of ancient times: Salvation from our enemies and from the hands of all our foes. You have shown mercy to our ancestors by remembering the Holy Covenant you made with them, the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham. Granting that we, delivered from the hands of our enemies, might serve you without fear, in holiness and justice, in your presence all our days. And you, my child, will be called the prophet of the most high, for you will go before God to prepare the way for the Promised One, giving the people the knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins. Such is the tender mercy of our God, who from on high will bring the Rising sun to visit us, to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace." Glory be to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen.

Reading

Philippians 1:3-11, NRSV

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in

God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #1
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to your Saviour.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

Inclusive Bible

Gospeller May God be with you.
All And also with you
Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.
All Glory be to you, Jesus the Christ.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod Tetrarch of Galilee, Philip his brother Tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias Tetrarch of Abilene. In those days, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, ben-Zechariah, in the desert. John went through the entire region of the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the words of Isaiah, the prophet: "A herald's voice in the desert, crying, 'make ready the way of our God; clear a straight path. Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be leveled. The twisted paths will be made straight, and the rough road smooth – and all humankind will see the salvation of God.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ
All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

SUNDAY'S COOL

MUSIC HOPE IS A STAR
Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright. When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and non shall be afraid.
Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. When
God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and non shall be afraid.

SERMON Samantha Caravan

Silence is kept for reflection.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Let us commit ourselves to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.
Do you believe in God the Creator?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour and Redeemer. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of Virgin Mary. Jesus 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 Creator. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the ways of Jesus the Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human person?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

All I will, with God's help.

GENERAL PRAYERS

Deacon God of grace and glory,

All By the death and resurrection of your Beloved Child your reign of wholeness has been unleashed within our bent and broken world. Open us to your empowering grace that we may be bearers of your world-redeeming love, through the resurrected Christ, our dignity, our power, and our peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Loving God, through the gift of prayer you teach us to hold one another in our hearts.

All Hear now our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us testify with honesty the condition of our souls; Refining God,

All you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence is held for personal confession.

Presider Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven!

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.

MUSIC

HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOUR COMES!

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst; the iron fetters yield.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and from the
treasuries of grace to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim; and heaven's
eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

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 our hearts to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider In these last days of the year when warmth has fled and night exceeds day, we eagerly anticipate the return of the sun. In the same way, we await the birth of Christ, the One who came to live among us, who lives among us still. By his words and example, the Little Child leads us and teaches us how to live. Over and over Jesus tells us to be watchful, alert. He invites us to keep our light lit against the darkness, lest we miss something through inattention, indifference or cynicism. He is the Christ, the Eternally Radiant One leading the way. We are grateful for Christ' message and for the opportunity to be together now, waiting, watching and listening. Fully attuned to the present moment and alert to the Divine energy among us, we give thanks for the gift of this Eucharist we are about to share, and together we sing this ancient hymn of praise.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider Living and Eternal One, source of light and life, now is the moment for us to wake from our sleep. Heighten our senses to what is going on and make our concentration strong. Keep us present in mind, body and spirit so that we may fully experience this sacred meal. The day before Jesus died was Passover, when his people were spared from the destroyer, Jesus the Christ assembled his companions for the ritual meal. When they were together, Jesus looked at each person carefully and with compassion. Then Jesus said to them, "PAY ATTENTION." When Jesus had their attention, he took bread. With the deepest concentration, he blessed it, sanctifying it, and enhancing its goodness. Then Jesus broke the bread and offered it to them, saying, "DO THIS TO MAKE ME PRESENT AMONG YOU", for he knew that the next day he would begin his descent to the Underworld. When everyone had shared the bread, Jesus took wine with reverence and great care. Again Jesus said, "PAY ATTENTION." When he had their attention, he blessed the wine, sanctifying it and enhancing its goodness. Then Jesus offered the wine to them, saying, "WHEN I AM NOT HERE, DO THIS TO MAKE ME PRESENT. EVERY TIME YOU SHARE A MEAL LIKE THIS KNOW THAT I AM AMONG YOU."

All Christ Jesus, we know that You are always present, illuminating our lives and leading the way. Today when we eat the bread and share the cup of wine, we will do so with full attention, remembering that you are the Light of the World.

Presider Holy Spirit, Perpetual Radiance accept our prayers. Bless this bread and wine, and all of the people gathered for this meal. Inspire us to

recognize You even in the darkest corners, in the people and places that frighten us and make us want to turn away. Remind us that You arrive every moment of every day. As we wait to celebrate the date of Your earthly birth, help us to practice patience with ourselves and others. Keep us optimistic and awake so that our eyes recognize you in the world no matter how dark things seem to be. May the holy meal we are about to eat bring light and life to each one of us and to the whole community.

All **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 God of Promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Presider The gift of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION

We welcome you to receive Communion at All Saints'.

As a caution and proactive practice, the sharing of the Common Cup (wine) has been withdrawn from all liturgies. Our tradition and ancient teachings tell us that receiving communion in only one kind - bread - is full communion.

CHOIR ANTHEM JESU JOY OF MAN DESIRING

J.S. BACH

Jesu joy of man desiring, Holy Jesu love most bright.

Drawn by thee our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned.

Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

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

MUSIC PEOPLE, LOOK EAST.

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad; though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength, the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People,
look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look
east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set
every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look
east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Deacon Go forth into the world and be the light and love you have received from God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY ON 'WINCHESTER NEW'

C.S. LANG





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DECEMBER 12

2:30pm

(doors open @ 1:30pm for COVID screening)

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