



**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10th, 2025—10:00 a.m.**

Welcome.

This church is a place of prayer and encounter with God. The stones of these walls have sheltered people seeking the presence of the Holy One for almost two centuries. This place of worship has been made hallowed by the prayers of generations and you are welcome to join your heart and voice to theirs.

St John's is an inclusive community of faith in the Anglican tradition: we welcome saints and sinners, people of faith and of no faith, people who are sure they know everything and those who are full of questions. All persons may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender identities and sexual orientations, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather in this place in person and virtually and we acknowledge that we are in Nogojiwanong, the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, the Original inhabitants and stewards of this part of the Creation, on whose land and by whose waters we gather by the Williams Treaty to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

Prelude Preludio “Sine Nomine”
Minuet in Classical Style
How Wondrous and Great

Herbert Howells
C. Armstrong Gibbs
J. Michael Haydn

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 529—God, My Hope on You Is Founded

Michael

The Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

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 Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us take a moment in silence to reflect on and be grateful for the times this week that we, in thought, word, and action, encouraged or participated in the growth of God’s Kingdom of love, peace, and justice. *(silence)*

Let us take a moment in silence to reflect on and confess the times this week that we, in thought, word, and action, ignored, discouraged, or worked against the growth of God’s Kingdom of love, peace, and justice. *(silence)*

Presider 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 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.**

The Presider pronounces the absolution, to which all answer, “Amen.”

Collect of the Day

Presider God of judgement and grace, you ask not for sacrifices, but lives of trusting faith that acknowledge your power and mercy. Give us faith as deep and strong as Abraham’s and Sarah’s, that we may follow you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

The Congregation sits.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many

prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

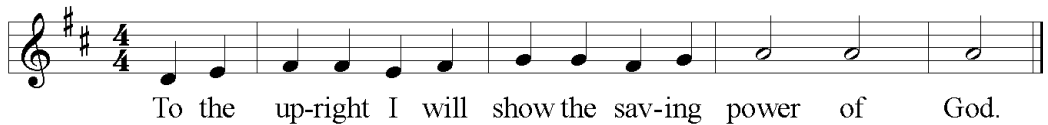
People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

50:1-8, 23-24

The Cantor sings the verses. The Congregation joins in the Refrain (R).



The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. **R**

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people. **R**

“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.” Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge. **R**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God. I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me. **R**

Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you. Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.” **R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was

going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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People

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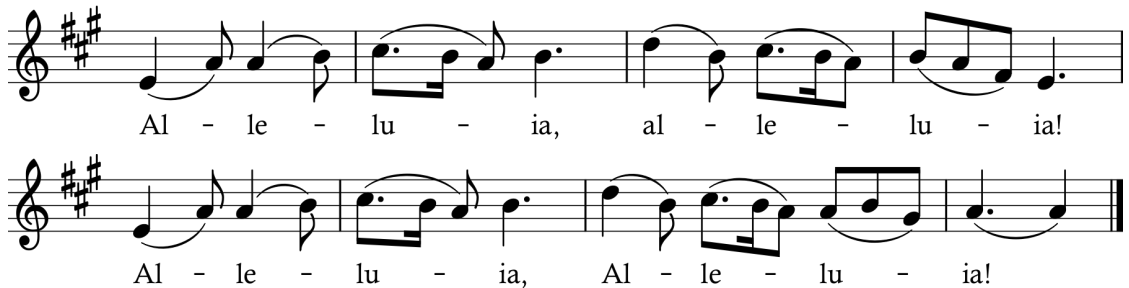
The Congregation stands.

Hymn

458—Seek Ye First

Seek Ye First

Gospel Acclamation (*sung before and after the Gospel*)



Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

Gospeller

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that

do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Presider.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider

Let us affirm our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

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 God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

I will persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

I will proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ.

I will seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving my neighbours as myself.

I will strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being.

I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please turn to the people around you and exchange a sign of God's peace.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory, gifts of bread and wine, signs of the fruit of human labour, are brought to the altar to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, signs of God's love for the world. The money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives, collected before the liturgy, is blessed. If you are participating in worship online, please consider making your offering through one of the means available at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate

Hymn 385—Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness Üttingen

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Beloved God, you spread before us a table of plenty, and give us the cup of new life to drink. Receive all we offer this day with our grateful thanks and praise, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider May God be with you. *People* And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.

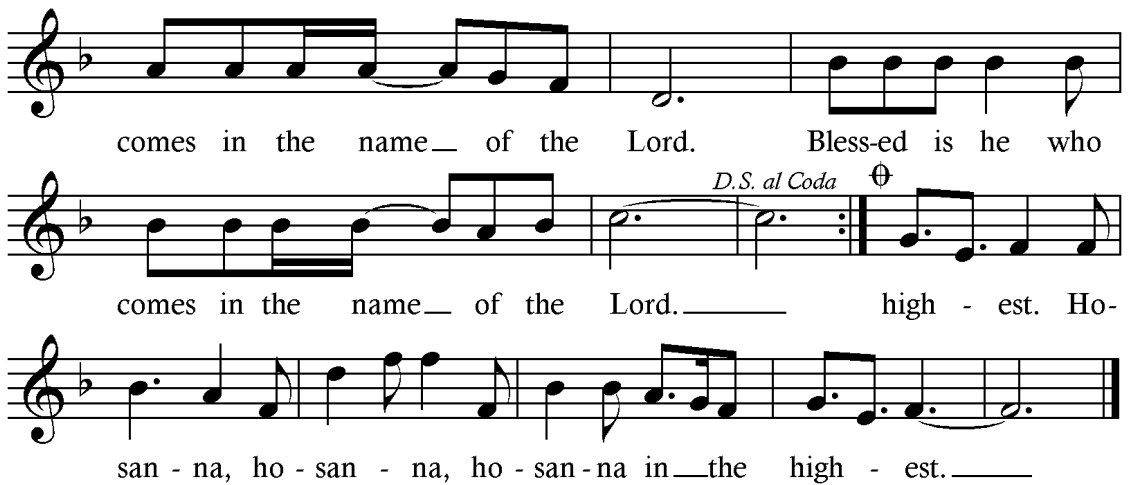
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and might.

Hea - ven and earth of your glo - ry are full. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

To Coda



Presider

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All

**Christ had died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your Name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin
 a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

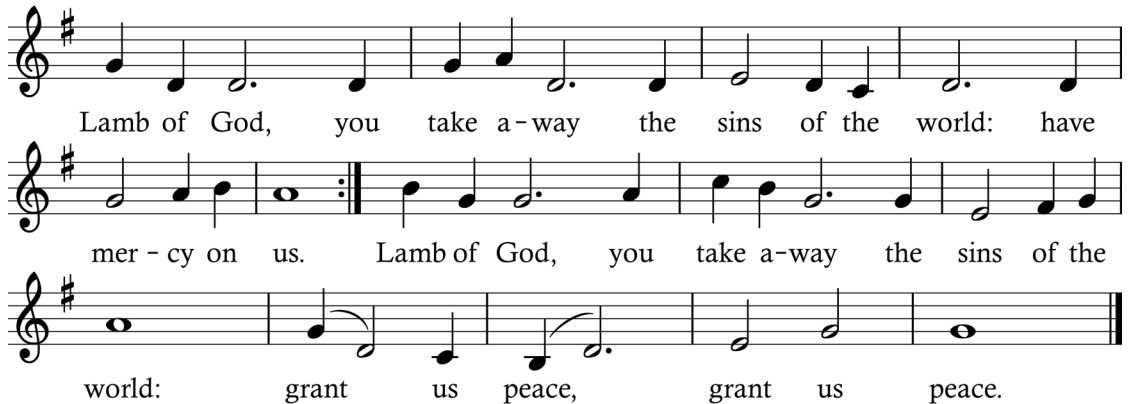
Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Presider Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. In this Eucharist, many are made one.

Fraction Anthem

745



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Congregation sits.

Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward to the Nave altar in single file to receive the Bread from the Presider and then move to the first available Chalice Administrator to receive the Wine. Gluten free Hosts are available upon request. Those who find walking difficult may request that Communion be brought to them. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may indicate their desire by crossing their arms over their breast when they approach the Presider.

Solo: Hymn Meditation on "Olivet"

Reginald Gerig

Hymn: 551—My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Presider.

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord,
All and your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Deacon

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

All



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia!



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Postlude Voluntary on “All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Michael Burkhardt

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: Today's opening hymn was written by British composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983). His contribution to the twentieth century organ repertoire is one of the most significant of any British composer. He studied with, among others, Stanford, who described the young Howells as his "son in music". He has remained the quintessential English church composer of the twentieth century. His "Preludio - 'Sine Nomine' is the first in his set of "Six Pieces", written between 1939 and 1945. It tends to get less play than some other pieces by Howells that are bigger and louder but it is a fine piece, showing the immediately recognizable musical fingerprints of the composer. The title as nothing to do with the Vaughan Williams tune of the same name however. It simply means "prelude without a name"! In the key of F# minor, there is a combination of the modern and the archaic in the work. Touches of the delicacy of an English clavichord are present, as well as a wonderfully lush "chorale-section" in the center. The final hushed chords personify the word "atmospheric."

I am celebrating the birthday today of another British composer, Cecil Armstrong Gibbs (1889-1960). Gibbs was a prolific and versatile composer, best known for his choral music and, in particular, songs. He also devoted much of his career to the amateur choral and festival movements in Britain. His little "Minuet in Classical Style" comes from "An Easy Album for Organ". It is his early 20th century take on a Baroque minuet, and takes the typical form of a minuet: an A section, followed by a B section, followed by a repeat of the A section. Although his music is rarely played today, he attained a high level of popularity in his lifetime.

Also being remembered today is composer Michael Haydn, born in 1737, and died on this day in 1809. He was the younger brother of the more famous Franz Josef Haydn. Michael's sacred choral works are generally regarded as his most important; his musical taste and skill showed themselves best in his church compositions. His organ work "How Wondrous and Great" is a prelude on his own hymn-tune "Lyons" and is a continuous set of variations on the tune. The variations build in volume, change key once, and conclude with a strong statement of part of the tune.

COMMUNION SOLO: Hymn Meditation on "Olivet" is a lyrical piano composition by Reginald Gerig (1919-2018), long-time time Professor of Piano at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. A flowing introduction precedes the statement of the familiar tune, today's communion hymn. The opening eight-bar introduction then concludes this evocative little work.

POSTLUDE: Today's opening hymn gets another treatment in American composer Michael Burkhardt's Voluntary on "Michael". The term "voluntary" simply refers to an organ piece played either before or after a church service. English composers of the Baroque, such as Henry Purcell and Jeremiah Clarke, were known for their voluntaries—their famous trumpet voluntaries being often heard at weddings. In Michael Burkhardt's "Voluntary", the embellished tune is heard on a trumpet stop over dancing rhythms in the accompaniment. As an aside, the composer of the hymn, Herbert Howells originally called his hymn "A Hymn Tune for Charterhouse", the latter being the name of the school, whose director requested Howells write new music in 1930 for the words "All My Hope on God Is Founded". When the hymn was published in 1936, Howells changed the name of the tune to "Michael" in honour of his son who had died in childhood the previous year.

Liturgical Ministers

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Preacher	The Rev. Deb Wilson
Organist	Robert Grandy
Greeter	Marian Olson
Deacon	The Rev. Deb Wilson
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Intercessor	Mickey Bongers
Server	Bobby Kelly
Sacrist	The Rev. Deb Wilson
Crucifer	Lucas Paradis
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Chancel	Gerri Currier and Trish Murphy
Refreshments Hosts	Pat Passmore and Mary Ann Hall
A/V	Matt Grandy

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Welcome!

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth, who may remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. Families are most welcome to use the activities in the children's area in the church and to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children.

On Posture in Worship

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. Some people prefer to kneel to pray. Please adopt the posture that helps you to worship.

Visitor's Cards

If you're visiting, please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the rack on the bookcase in the Chapel. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

Making an Offering (Donation)

To support the ministry of the parish, an offering may be made by placing cash or a cheque in an envelope available where you picked up this order of service. Please write your name and address on the envelope, then place it on the brass offering plate. Tax receipts are issued for gifts of \$20 or more. We also have a convenient pre-authorised giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to office@stjohnspeterborough.ca. Please visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for more information.

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Headsets to assist you to hear the service are available. Please ask a Greeter or Sidesperson (usher) to bring you one.

Accessibility

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance, from where all levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

Washrooms/Change Table

Accessible washrooms are located down the hall from the narthex (lobby). A change table is in the nursery at the end of the hall.

Fragrances

We ask that you refrain from wearing strong fragrances in order to accommodate those with breathing sensitivities.