



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23rd, 2026—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 “Prelude”, “Capriccio” and “Basso Continuo” from *Rendez à Dieu—Suite for Organ*
James Biery

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 420—Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him Austria

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.**

Presider There is one body and one Spirit,
All **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All **One God and Creator of all.**

Collect of the Day

Presider O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.
Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, so that we may gladly
minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish Bicentenary

Presider God of life and love, who put into the hearts of our ancestors in faith the building of a church in this place: we give you thanks and praise for your steadfast mercy through the generations; for the calling of this parish of St John the Evangelist to serve the needs of our neighbours and to proclaim the good news of your kingdom. In our bicentennial year, renew in us our zeal for your mission: let us be generous, compassionate, and faithful servants of the gospel and wise stewards of the heritage handed down to us, that this place and its people may be a light upon the hill, showing forth your love to all who see it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Congregation sits.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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Then would the waters have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us; then would the raging waters have gone over us. Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. **R**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

Romans 12:1-8

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 494—Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Comfort

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



Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Gospeller

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

People

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The Congregation stands for the Hymn.*

During the hymn, the candidate for baptism, Godparents, and Sponsors, will gather around the Font

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

The Congregation sits.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parent and Sponsors of the Candidate will present the Candidate.

Sponsors I present Lucas Raymond Philip Rumble to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The Presider asks the Candidate when presented:

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The Presider asks the following questions of the Candidate.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Presider Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Congregation stands. The Presider addresses the Congregation.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Lucas in his life in Christ?

All **We will.**

Prayers of Intercession

Presider Let us now pray for Lucas who is to receive the sacrament of new birth and for the needs of the world.

After each petition:

Leader God, the rock of our salvation,

All **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion:

Leader Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room:

All **in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with her gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks for you have called Lucas to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

Presider Let us join those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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 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.**

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 sins, 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 Lord?

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 being?
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.**

The Baptism

Presider Lucas, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Presider anoints the forehead of the candidate, saying,

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Presider Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Presider Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.
All **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Sharing of the Peace

Presider We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

A sign of peace is shared amongst members of the Congregation.

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.

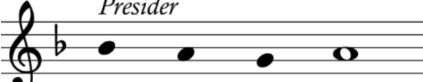
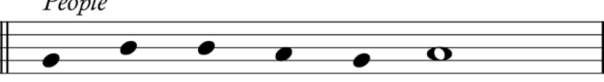
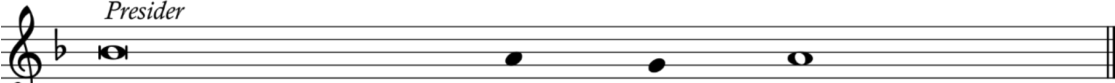
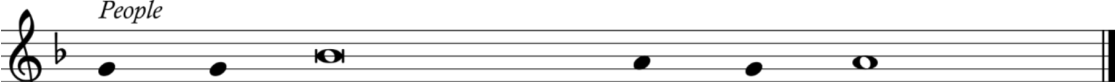
Hymn 384—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Lobe den Herren

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.

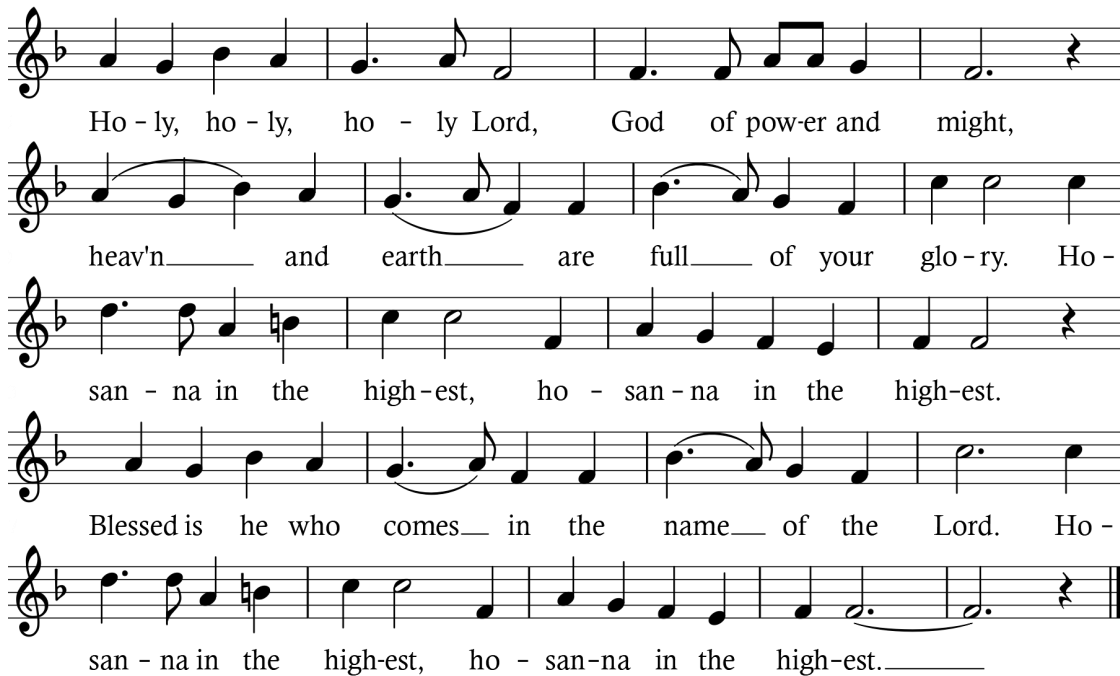
All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
May God be with you.	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them up to God.
<i>Presider</i>	
	
Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.	
<i>People</i>	
	
It is right to offer thanks and praise.	

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Presider

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death a freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your beloved ones; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

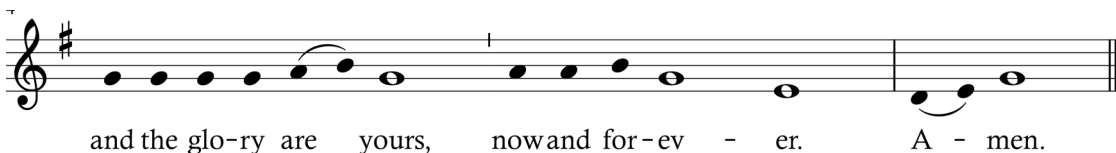
Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



The musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written on six staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your Name,'. The second staff contains 'your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in'. The third staff contains 'heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.'. The fourth staff contains 'For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin'. The fifth staff contains 'a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,'. The sixth staff contains 'and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,'.

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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,



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.**

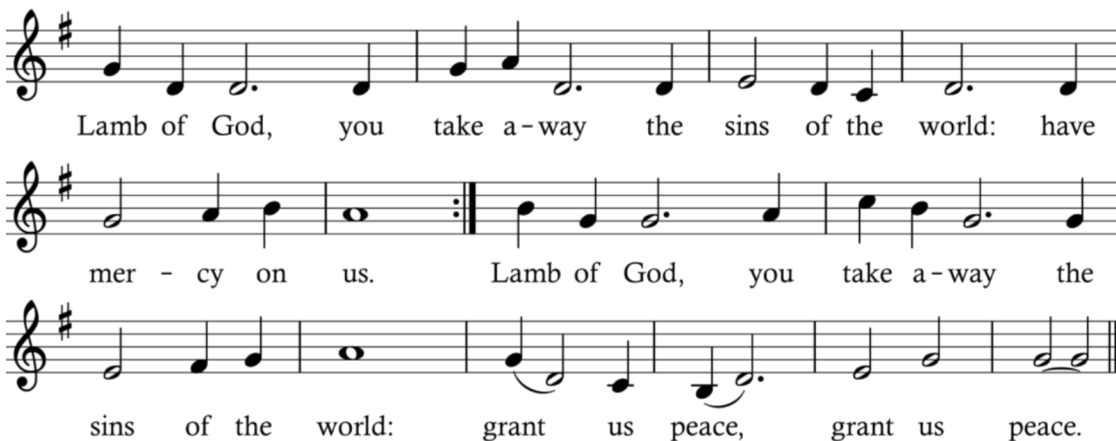
Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

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The Congregation sits.

Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward to the Chancel step via the centre aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. 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.

Communion Meditation "Communion" from *Ten Pieces for Organ*
Hymn: 75—With the Body That Was Broken

Theodore Dubois
Panis Vitae

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

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.

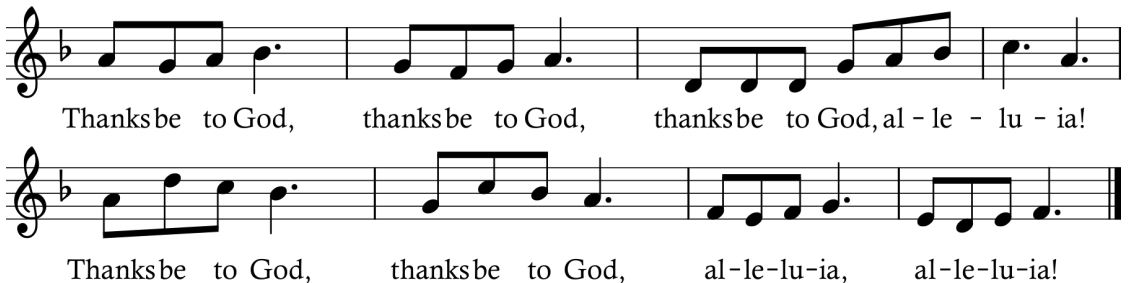
Blessing

Hymn 524—O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

Dismissal

Presider 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 Chorale Prelude on “Lobe den Herren”

J.G. Walther

Liturgical Ministers

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Deacon	The Rev. Frank Tyrrell
Organist	Robert Grandy
Greeters	Pat Passmore and Joyce Kane
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Intercessor	Ernie Skujins
Server/Crucifer	Avery Tucker
Sacrist	Fin Dinesen
Chalice Administrator	Fin Dinesen and Ernie Skujins
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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 \$25 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.

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.

Fellowship & Refreshments

All are welcome to stay after the liturgy for fellowship and refreshments in the Guild Hall.