



## **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 5th, 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

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*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

*The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.*

**Hymn**      508—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say      Kingsfold

### 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 heaven and earth, you reveal your wisdom to the childlike: may we learn from your Son humility of heart, so that we find refreshment and rest even as we shoulder the cross of Christ; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.  
*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.  
*All* **Amen.**

*The Congregation sits.*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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### **First Reading**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Metrical Psalm

45:11-18, Irish (116)

**“My daughter, leave your former home;  
consider what I say:  
your beauty gives the king delight  
so honour him today.**

**All those from Tyre have brought a gift;  
the rich will seek your aid.”  
Behold the princess, beautiful,  
in golden robes arrayed.**

**In many-coloured robes she comes,  
the bridesmaids following;  
with joy and gladness they are brought  
to stand before the king.**

**In place of fathers, princely sons  
shall be your heritage;  
your name, O king, shall be renowned  
and praised from age to age.**

## Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

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

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

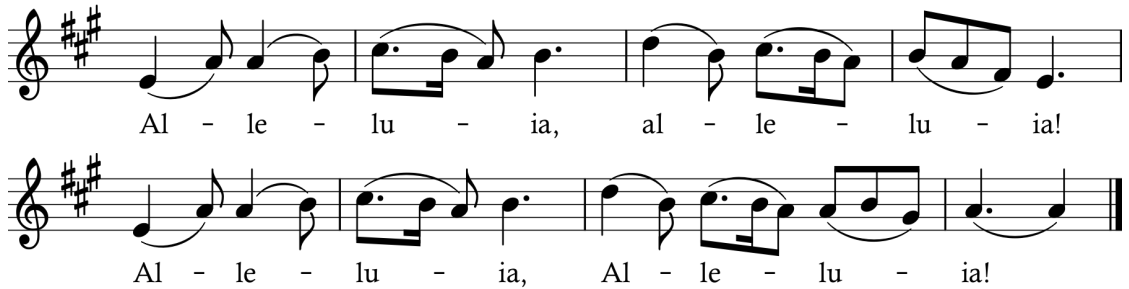
*People* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn** 354—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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



## **Gospel**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*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*

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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**

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*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** 610—Before I take the Body of My Lord

Laying Down

### **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.

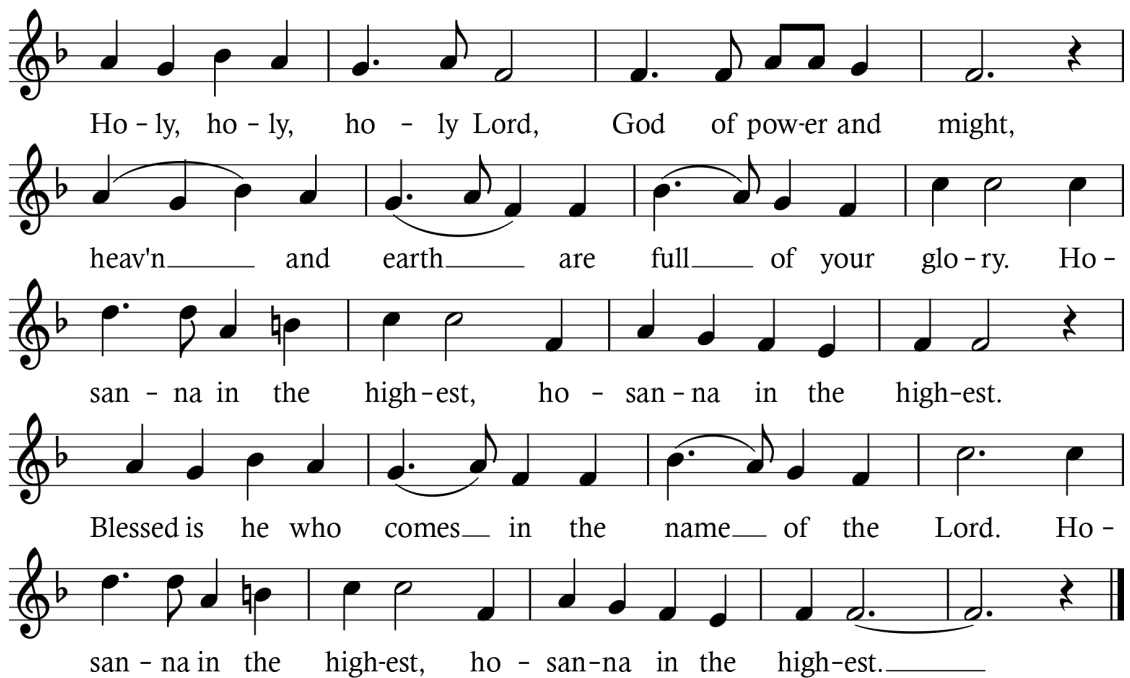
*People* **We lift them up to God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

*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:





*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.

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

*All*

*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,



The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written on eight staves of music. Each staff begins 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 yourName,'. 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,'. The seventh staff contains 'and the glo-ry are yours, nowand for-ev - er. A - men.' The eighth staff contains 'A - men.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be yourName,  
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, nowand 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.**

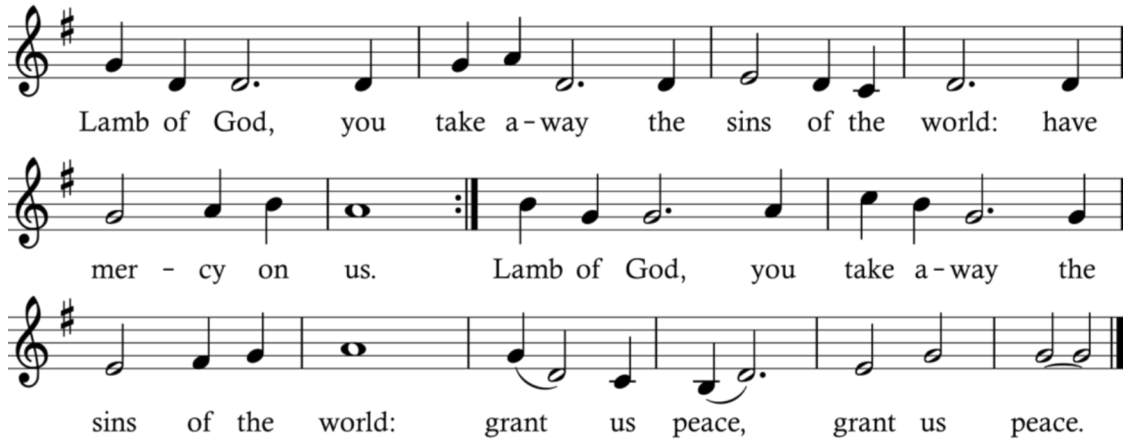
*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*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



*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.*

Hymn: 615—Just As I Am

Woodworth

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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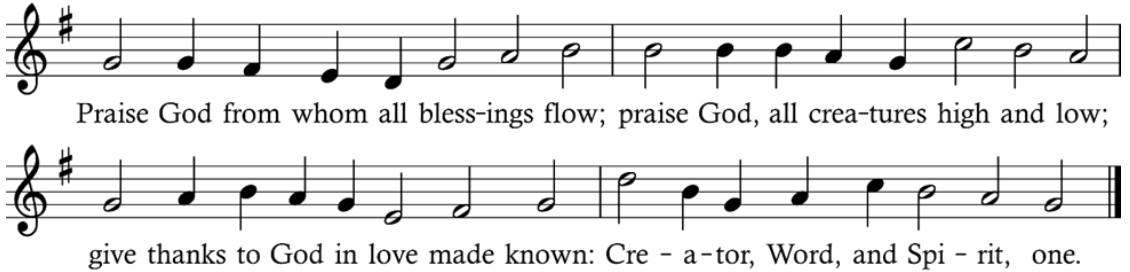
### Announcements

## A Time for Celebration and Thanksgiving

*On the first Sunday of the month, we take a moment to name significant moments in the lives of members of our community: anniversaries of birth, marriage, etc., and to give thanks for them.*

*The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Presider.*

### Doxology (CP 667)



### 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

*Refrain*

Ri-ver of glo-ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's rich-es  
 poured on the earth. We are born from the dark-ness and clothed in the  
 light, we are bathed in the glo-ry of God.\_\_\_\_\_ God.\_\_\_\_\_

*1-3* *Final ending*

*Fine* *Verses*

Bathed in the glo-ry of God.\_\_\_\_\_ Foun-tain of mer - cy,  
 Here there is ha - ven,  
 Bread for our jour-ney  
 Dark-ness is ban-ished,

grace flow - ing and free, streams of sal - va - tion  
 heal - ing and health, joy for the ask - ing,  
 God will pro - vide. Hope for all a - ges,  
 night turned a - way, Christ is our sun - light

spill - ing with love from a tree.\_\_\_\_\_  
 love in a - bun - dance of wealth.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide.\_\_\_\_\_  
 lift - ing and lead - ing our way.\_\_\_\_\_

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

*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!

## Liturgical Ministers

|                       |                                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Presider and Preacher | The Rev. Steve Smith                       |
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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](mailto:office@stjohnspeterborough.ca). Please visit [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate](http://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.