



## **The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 14th, 2026—10:00 a.m.**

### ***Welcome.***

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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**     Three Preludes on “Melcombe”                      Denis Eliot; C.H.H. Parry; C. Charlton Palmer

*The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.*

**Hymn**        7—New Every Morning Is the Love                                              Melcombe

## 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.

## Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer-cy,    Lord, have mer-cy.    Christ, have mer-cy,    Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord, \_\_\_\_ have    mer-cy.                      Lord, \_\_\_\_ have    mer-cy.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* God of love, in your compassion you reach out to the lost and helpless. Continue this work through us, so that your reign of justice and peace may increase; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest.

*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**

### **First Reading**

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself,

saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*People*

**Psalm**

116:1, 10-17

*The Cantor sings the verses; the Congregation joins in the refrain (R).*



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and call on the name of the Lord.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. **R**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! **R**

**Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-8

*Reader*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast

in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn**

347—The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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



**Gospel**

Matthew 9:35-10:23

*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*

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip

and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes

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**

*Leader*      Come, O come,  
*People*      let us pray to the Lord.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider*    Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners  
and inviting them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.  
*Silence*

*All*

Most merciful God,  
**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.”*

### **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** 433—Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot’s Leigh

### **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

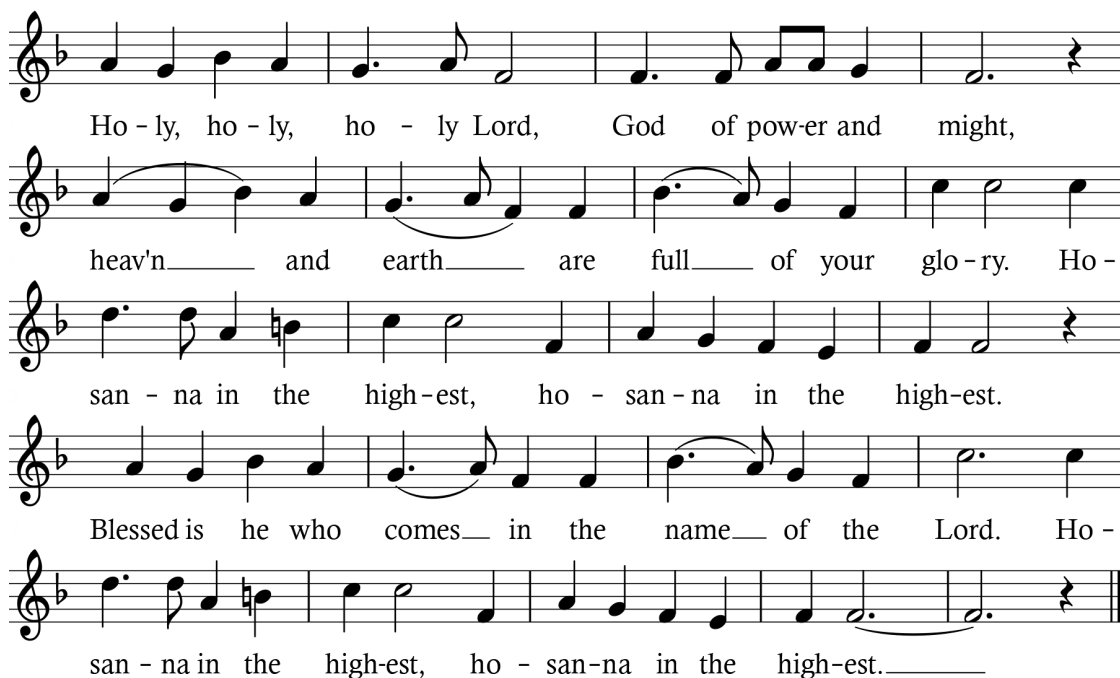
*People* **And also with you**



*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:



The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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 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 has 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.

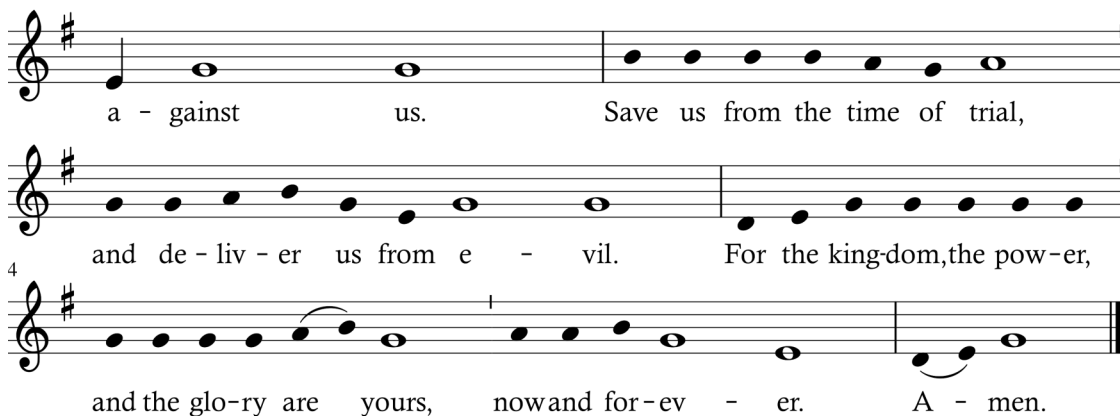
*All*

**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



### 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.**

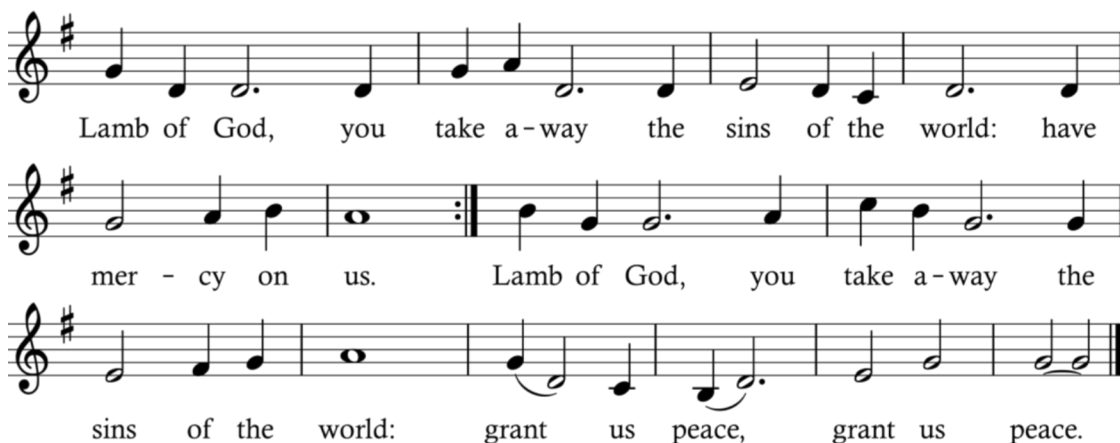
*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*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 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.*

Hymn: 56—I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

Picket Wood

**Anthem** “All From the Sun’s Uprise”

Philip Tomblings

*All from the sun’s uprise unto his setting rays, resound in jubilees the great Jehovah’s praise. Him serve alone: in triumph bring your gifts and sing before His throne. Man drew from man his birth; but God his noble frame built of the ruddy earth, filled with celestial flame. His sons we are, sheep by Him led, preserved and fed with tender care. O to His portals press in your divine resorts; with thanks His power confess and praise Him in His courts. How good, how pure His mercies last! His promise passed for ever sure!*

Words: George Sandys (1578-1644)

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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### 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

### There is a Redeemer



There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;  
Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;  
When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.  
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, O for sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

## Dismissal

*Presider*  
*All*

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



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 Toccata on "The God of Abraham Praise"

Gordon Young

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**PRELUDE:** “**Melcombe**” is the name of the tune for the Opening Hymn. It receives three treatments this morning starting with a serene setting by American composer **Dennis Eliot** (b. 1941). Eliot is a prolific American composer and arranger known for his extensive contributions to sacred, choral, and keyboard music. He specializes in writing accessible, liturgical music and anthems for church choirs, brass quartets, and organists. His arrangement opens with pedals playing part of the tune, followed by a contemporary harmonization of the first phrase. The tune is then carried back and forth by a lower and an upper voice, set for soft strings and light foundation stops. The second setting is by the Victorian English composer **C. Hubert H. Parry** (1848-1918). Best known for his song “Jerusalem” and his anthem “I Was Glad”, he unfortunately did not write much organ music – just a few sets of hymn preludes – but his remarkable talent for writing beautiful and emotion-filled music is evident even in this small prelude. The lilting 12/8 rhythm creates a tender but rhythmic opening – the tune appearing in the pedals for almost the entire piece. The final prelude is a setting by the English composer and organist **C. Charlton Palmer** (1871-1944). Not a very familiar name in organ circles, he was Assistant Organist at Lichfield Cathedral in the late 1890's, and Organist at Canterbury Cathedral from 1908 to 1936. His relatively few compositions are mainly for church use. This setting is a short study on the tune, with the melody extended over a walking bass line. There are several short interludes between the treatment of each phrase of the tune.

**ANTHEM:** George Sandys (1578-1644) is the author of the words for today's anthem “**All From the Sun's Uprise**”, set to music by **Philip Tomblings** (1902-1986). This is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 100 and one of his most popular church anthems. Tomblings was a British composer and organist, known for his accessible choral music – this one written for a three-part choir, with many unison passages.

**POSTLUDE:** Another of today's hymns receives a majestic treatment in American composer **Gordon Young's Toccata on “The God of Abraham Praise”**. Young (1919–1998) was an organist in Pennsylvania and Kansas for many years. He also worked as a radio organist, newspaper critic and taught organ at Wayne State University. He composed prolifically and his organ and choral works are in the catalogs of most major American publishers. Young is best known for his organ work "Prelude in Classic Style" which has entered the worldwide standard organ repertoire. This Toccata begins with a repeated figure in the right hand followed by phrases of the tune in the left hand. The tune called “Leoni” is a traditional Hebrew melody.

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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.