



National Indigenous Day of Prayer June 21st, 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.

Preludes	Ave Verum	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
	Benedictus	Heinrich Isaac
	Sicut Cervus	Giovanni Palestrina
	Dona Nobis Pacem	attrib. to Mozart; Toot Suite Recorder Quartet

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn	408—Wind Upon the Waters	Wind Upon the Waters
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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.**

Prayer of Preparation

Presider Creator God, we ask that you cleanse our thoughts and hearts that we may hear and be guided by your word and direction. Purify our minds so that we may walk with you along the good road. Clear our eyes so that we may see you at work in your creation. Open our ears to hear your voice. Prepare our hearts to beat in harmony with yours so that we may worship with all that we are and experience the presence of Jesus Christ among us.

All **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison



Collect of the Day

Presider Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **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

Isaiah 25:1-9

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for

him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

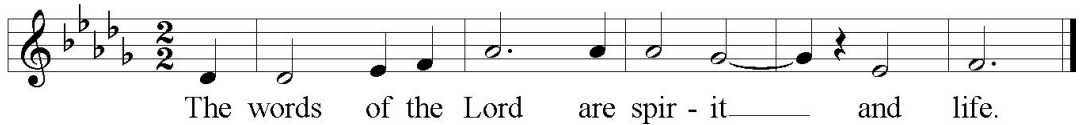
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

19:1-4, 7-8

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



The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. **R**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-21

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become

new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 407—Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Lacquiparle

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

Hymn 715



Gospel

John 1:1-18 (First Nations Version)

Gospeller

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (*Judea*) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (*John*). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could

believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honour him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birth right as children of the Great Spirit. Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honourable he was, the kind of honour held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth. Gift of Goodwill (*John*) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, “the one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honour, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born.” From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (*Moses*) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the Chosen One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

A brief silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

Anthem

“How Firm a Foundation”

Nancy Telfer

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word. What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled? Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed; for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Words from Rippon's "Selection" (1787)

The Congregation stands with the Presider.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider

According to the understanding of Indigenous Christians, let us confess our faith.

All

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Great Spirit.

You made all things and placed your Spirit in them.

We believe in your Son, Jesus the Christ,

sent from your heart to preach and to change our hearts to be like yours.
He was born of Mary his mother.
He, being Creator with you from the beginning of all time,
became human like one of us.
He suffered and died on a cross for sin. He rose from death.
He was taken into heaven and now sits at your right hand.
He will come again to the earth to proclaim your kingdom.
We believe in the Holy and Great Spirit
who comes from you to empower and enable us to live as your children.
Who is worshipped as you are, one with you and Jesus.
We believe in one holy church, begun and sustained by your elders and apostles.
We look to our baptism for forgiveness.
We believe that one day all the dead will be made alive in the resurrection
and we believe that when we die we will return to you to be judged. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Presider We were created from God's loving heart, and that same love embraces us with forgiveness. God's healing and reconciling love helps us to see our brokenness for what it is, in the same moment that grace and forgiveness are offered to us. Let us welcome the gift of God's love, and confess before God and each other the sins that keep us from true friendship with God and with one another. *Silence.*

Presider Creator and loving God,
All you have searched us out and known us and all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned:
We have put up walls between ourselves and you, closing our hearts to your gifts.
We have failed to respect and honour the gifts that you have given to us in creation, mother earth and all living things.
We squander the inheritance of generations to come.
We have sinned against each other:
we have put up walls between ourselves and our neighbours,
giving in to the fear, ignorance and arrogance that make racism.
We have failed to respect the gifts of all your peoples.
We have failed to respect the gifts of the four directions.
We have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil;
we have trusted false gods and listened to their promises;
we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other;
we have fallen into despair.
In our despair we have forgotten you, and have gone astray from your path.

**Forgive us for what we have done; and forgive those who have hurt us.
Give us your blessing and help. Let us walk in your great love;
through the great peace maker, your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

The Presider pronounces the Absolution.

The Sharing of the Peace

Presider May peace and friendship enter our hearts, through our Brother Jesus Christ.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A sign of peace is shared with members of the congregation or household.

THE 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 404—The Trumpet Sounds, the Angels Sing

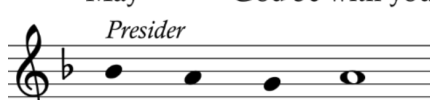
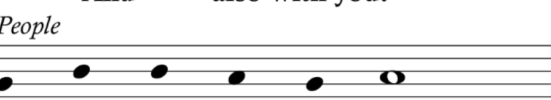
The Trumpets Sound

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Holy One, we raise our hearts and voices in thanksgiving for all the good gifts of your creation: for the strawberry, the first fruit of the season, for all the gifts in creation that send your promise of new life. Holy One, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son, Jesus, who reconciles us to you and to each other. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who draws us together and helps us in our walk with Jesus. May we honour you and each other in receiving these gifts, by using them in service to you and our neighbours.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

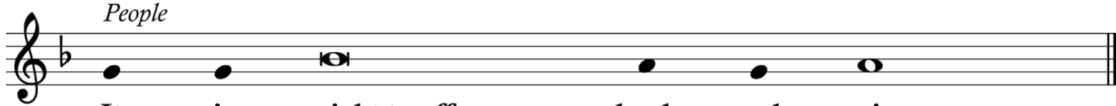
<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
May God be with you.	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them up to God.

Presider



Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.

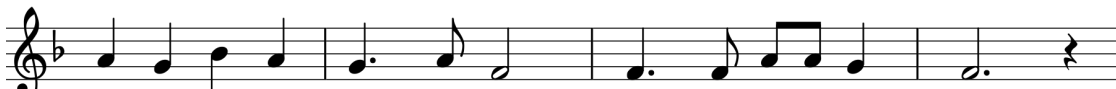
People



It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider

Creator God, Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say Mi'igwetch now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where soft rain comes to the coldness of the North, we say Mi'igwetch. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the love of your Holy Spirit he took on flesh and blood and was born of the Virgin Mary. Because of your everlasting love for us he obediently sacrificed himself: he suffered on the cross, he carried the burdens of his people, he taught us to let go of ourselves, he put an end to our fears and our death and so he revealed the resurrection. He fulfilled your love for us and reconciled us to you forever. With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we sing:



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

O Great Spirit, Our Creator, from whom all holiness comes, we, your poor servants, humbly come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandfathers and grandmothers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at all your creation. You, Our Creator, who made all the heavens and Mother Earth; You, Great Spirit, Origin of all our relations: the moon, the stars, and the sun; You, the Holy One, who made all that lives on the face of the earth; You, Our Creator, Great Spirit, the Holy One, you are kind, generous, loving and you give us life—for all this we are grateful.

Creator, let your Spirit move in power among us and come upon these gifts of Mother Earth and make them holy, so that they will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: “Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you.” When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: “Take this, all of you, and drink it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Whenever you do this, you will find that I am in the midst of you.”

We proclaim our faith:

All

From your death, Lord, came our life.

From your rising came our birth into eternal life.

Come, O Holy Saviour, Jesus Christ, come.

Presider

Great Spirit, we offer you this holy and living bread, this life saving cup. Look upon your people as we offer ourselves up to you in union with all whom you join together by your Holy Spirit. We thank you for allowing us to stand in your presence and serve you. O Great Spirit, our Creator, from whom all holiness comes remember us, your children, your little ones. Let not our ears grow deaf to your voice, but open our ears to hear your voice in the wind. Let not our eyes grow dim with sin, but open our eyes to see you in all creation. Let not our hearts grow cold with bitterness, but soften our hearts to grow in brightness and strength, to grow in love for you and all your creation. Guide our footsteps that we may walk a straight path in truth and kindness. Bless our hands that we will always reach out with love to others. Bless us with wisdom to follow the right directions, so that we may have courage to face the sunrise and the sunset as we strive to complete our circle. Remember our Grandmothers and Grandfathers and all our relations that have begun their heavenly journey, in the hope of meeting you.

Guide those who look after the spiritual life of your people and all who minister in your Church. Make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, with the apostles, martyrs, saints, Saint Kateri, St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas the Apostle, and all our ancestors. May we join in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God and Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Creator of all, you gave the people fields rich with corn to be gathered, formed, and shared as life-giving bread for the people.

All **May we, your Church, be gathered, formed, and shared in reconciling love.**

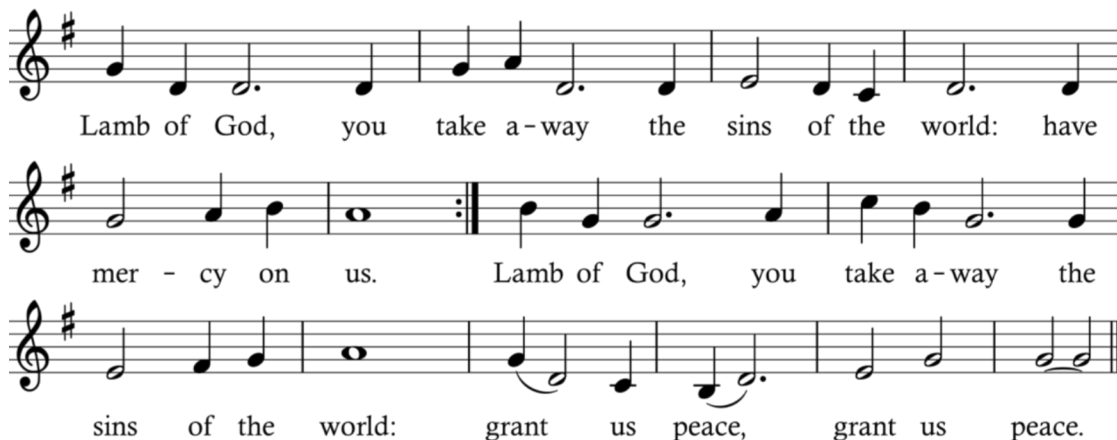
Presider Creator of all, you gave the people the gift of first fruits
as a sign and celebration of new life.

All **May we, your people, taste the sweetness of new life together.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **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.



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 cross their arms over their breast when they come forward.

Organ Meditation: Hózhó
Hymn: 569—Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Connor Chee
The Call

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

Please stand at the conclusion of the announcements.

Closing Prayer

Presider God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests.
You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family.
You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom.

God, we have been welcomed to this land by those you placed here before us.
We have not been gracious, humble, and peaceful guests.
Open the eyes of our hearts that we may better understand whose guests we are.

God, you have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God. Remind us that when we offer hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ into our midst and so fulfilling the law of love.

All **We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, and the poor.
We open our lives to offer a generous heart toward all.**

Presider We are your children.

All **We have heard you in the winds, seen you in the sunrise;
we have felt your kindness in the seasons.**

Presider Great Spirit, we know you! We hear you speak!

All **We know this very moment you are near to us
as the air surrounds us and fills our lungs with life.**

Presider Be with us, Great Spirit.

All **Show us the way you would have us go!**

Blessing

Hymn 451—King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

Hermon

Dismissal

Presider Followers of Jesus, inspired by the 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 Toccata Brevis on “Many and Great”

Martin Ellis

Today's Music

PRELUDE: The Toot Sweet Recorder Quartet, which includes one member from our choir and rehearses weekly here, offers four sacred pieces today, adapted for recorders. **“Ave Verum Corpus”** (Hail True Body), a Eucharistic motet by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. **“Benedictus”** by Heinrich Isaac, a Dutch-born composer of the Franco-Flemish school of the Renaissance era. The Benedictus is sung in the Eucharist as a song of thanksgiving: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” **“Sicut Cervus”**, a musical arrangement of Psalm 42 by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. This is arguably Palestrina’s most famous motet: “As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God”. **“Dona Nobis Pacem”** is a short canon or round on a three-word prayer meaning “grant us peace.” It has been attributed to both Mozart and Palestrina.

ANTHEM: The stirring lyrics of **“How Firm a Foundation”** were first published in John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* in 1787. The tune typically associated with it is known as “Foundation”, but in today’s anthem, the prolific American composer **Katherine K. Davis**, widely celebrated for her song “The Little Drummer Boy”, wrote original music for the words – even though it sounds like a folk-hymn from the southern United States. Her setting is majestic, with soaring vocal harmonies and a robust, supportive accompaniment that enhances the text's comforting and resolute message. The first verse is for men’s voices alone. The second verse is for a four-part choir. She changes key for the third verse and arranges her music for just two parts. The last verse, mainly in two parts, has the addition of a descant over the melody, bringing this anthem to a strong conclusion.

ORGAN MEDITATION: In honour of National Indigenous Day of Prayer, you will hear **“Hózhó”** by **Connor Chee**, a Diné (Navajo) composer and pianist, known for blending Western classical music with the rich cultural heritage of the Navajo people. The word “hózhó” is often translated as “balance and beauty”. This concept permeates Diné life and culture. This piece, written in July of 2022, is a musical search for balance and beauty. At times the music is unbalanced in form and meter, but seeks to return to a more harmonious state. The melodic content at the beginning is heard at the end, but in reverse, symbolizing a balanced idea that surrounds the rest of the sometimes unbalanced musical content. It returns the listener to the beginning of the piece with a melody that is in essence the same, but transformed during the experience.

POSTLUDE: This week I came across an organ piece based on the Dakota hymn-tune “Lacquiparle” (Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works) which we sang this morning, by the American organist **Martin Ellis**. He began composing during the 2019 pandemic and is now head of his own music publishing company in Portland, Oregon. He is currently the Music Director and Organist at Vancouver First United Methodist Church in neighboring Vancouver, Washington, where he directs a large choral and instrumental program as well as oversees a community arts concert series that serves as home base for Clark College Choirs and the independent semi-professional Reprise Choir Organization in Vancouver. His Toccata on “Many and Great” is in the romantic French toccata style, with rapid manual passages over and under the melody. In true French toccata form, the melody also appears in the pedals later in the work.

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St. Margaret's Guild

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the 20th anniversary
of his ordination to the Diaconate
by the Rev. Canon Brad 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. 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.