



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28th, 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 Two Piano Preludes on “As the Deer” and “Here I Am, Lord” Fred Bock
Meditation on “Herzliebster Jesus” Ruth Watson Henderson

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Here I Am, Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R**

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



Collect of the Day

Presider Ruler of the universe, you call us to a loyalty beyond all earthly claims: grant us strength to offer ourselves to you as a people who have been raised from death to life; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

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



I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me rich-ly.

How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? how long will you hide your face from me? How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?

how long shall my enemy triumph over me? **R**

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death; Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. **R**

But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help. I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; I will praise the name of the Lord Most High. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Congregation stands.

Hymn As the Deer Pants for the Water

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

Chorus: **You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

**You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.** *Chorus*

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.** *Chorus*

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



Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

People The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

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

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

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 438—O Jesus, I Have Promised

Wolvercote

Prayer over the Gifts

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

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

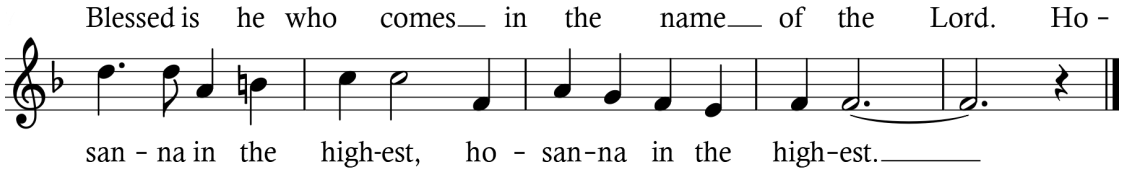
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of 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.



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.**

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.

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 seven staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines, with some measures containing multiple notes. The final measure of the last staff ends with a double bar line.

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

Breaking of the Bread

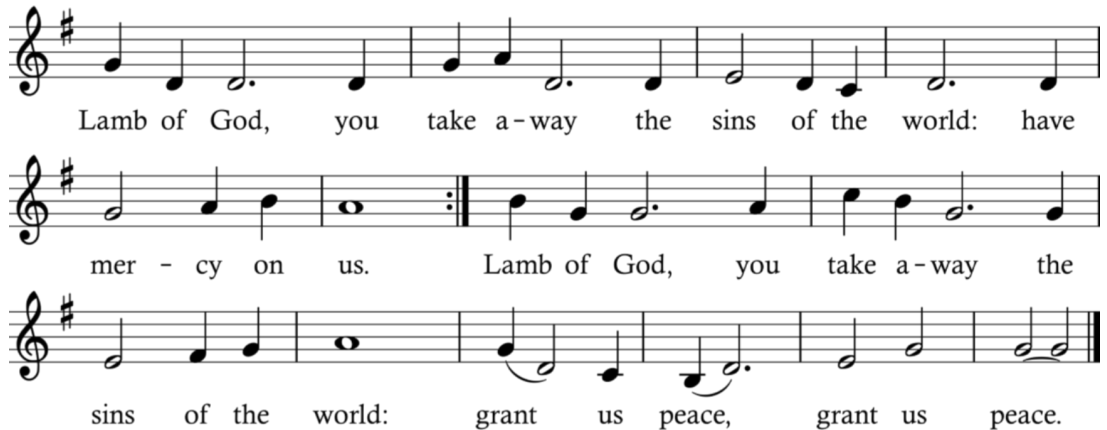
Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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



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: 87—Strengthen for Service, Lord

Ach Gott Und Herr

Anthem "We Are Not Alone"

Pepper Choplin

Choir: We are not alone, God is with us

Soloist: We are never alone, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always, For ever and ever, we are never alone. And God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always, For ever and ever, we are never alone. Our God is with us now.

Solo

Psalm 23

Ruth Watson Henderson

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

Choral Benediction—A Celtic Blessing

Ruth Watson Henderson

The grace of God be with you, the grace of Christ be with you, the grace of the Spirit be with you and with your children every hour. May God make safe to you each steep, may God make safe to you each pass, may God make clear to you each road, and may He take you in the clasp of his own two hands. The peace of God be with you, the peace of Christ be with you, the peace of the Spirit be with you and with your children for eternity. Words adapt. from ancient Irish texts

Hymn 375—At the Name Of Jesus

King's Weston

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 Celebration

Ruth Watson Henderson

TODAY'S MUSIC

Organists, choir directors and choristers in Canada and further abroad are mourning the loss earlier this month of the noted Canadian composer and pianist **Ruth Watson Henderson**. Today I am honouring her memory by including several of her works in the service. (Some here may remember her daughter, Deborah being a guest violinist here in the past)

PRELUDE: Two of today's hymns are given contemporary settings in **Fred Bock's** arrangements of "**As the Deer**" and "**Here I Am, Lord**". Bock used rich unusual harmonic progressions that nevertheless fit comfortably into the context of his musical arrangements. Fred was a long-time organist in Hollywood and in Los Angeles for a total of 32 years. He was also connected to the Disney Studios as a Christmas Concert Choir conductor and as a composer of film music. At the early age of 24, he became Director of Publications for the music branch of Word Incorporated. Over the next few decades he founded Gentry Publications and purchased two other music publishing houses. Although most widely known for her prolific output of choral works, Ms. Watson Henderson also wrote several organ works. Her **Meditation on "Herzliebster Jesu"** was commissioned by the Toronto Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists in 1992 for performance at the International Congress of Organists Convention in Montreal. It was premiered in July 1993 by Toronto organist Dr. Patricia Phillips. In this quiet, reflective piece, the melody is treated very freely in the left hand, played on a high-sounding flute stop, with each phrase finishing on a long sustained note, while the right hand eighth notes weave gently around it, giving the listener a feeling of calm and repose, using her trademark quartal harmonies.

ANTHEM: "We Are Not Alone" by American composer **Pepper Choplin** is a four-part unaccompanied anthem with a soprano soloist. This anthem touches the heart with its reassuring message of God's faithfulness and power. The choir supplies a rhythmic energy with its repetitive phrase, "We Are Not Alone", while the soloist glides above in smooth sustained lines, illustrating that no matter the circumstances, God is always with us.

SOLO: Ruth's setting of the beloved **Psalm 23** is dedicated to Heather Spry, a 1976 graduate of the University of Toronto with a Master's Degree in Composition. Heather was an active member of the RCCO, and the accompanist for many Toronto based choirs including the Oriana Singers and the Ontario Youth Choir. This is her Toronto connection to Ruth. Heather served as organist and choir director at several Toronto churches, her final position being First United Church in Port Credit. Also a master carillonneur, Heather was from many years University Carillonneur for the University of Toronto. Her life was tragically cut short by cancer in 1996. Ruth's setting conveys the beauty of the pastoral text, as well as the dark imagery of the "valley of death". Many years ago, at the request of her daughter Deborah, I had the honour of re-writing this into my Finale music-writing program to make the score easier to read for the use of others. Several years ago I was again honoured to re-write one of her four-part treble anthems into an SATB setting – the division of the parts already decided upon by Ruth herself.

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Ruth's short two-part anthem "**A Celtic Blessing**" was written in 1994 for the Rev. David McKane, a former Minister at Ruth's last church, Kingsway-Lambton United Church in Etobicoke, from where her recent funeral was held. The choir there sang this piece at the conclusion of the service. This work of Ruth's shows an influence of Rutter with its beautiful phrases and supportive accompaniment. I recently added a part for our tenors and basses to sing.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Organist	Robert Grandy
Greeters	Pat Passmore and John Perkins
Readers	Trish Murphy and Maisie Watson
Cantor	Robyn Hawthorne
Intercessor	Ian Storey
Server	Bobby Kelly
Crucifer	Lucas Paradis
Sacrist	Ian Storey
Chalice Administrator	Pat Passmore and Maisie Watson
Chancel	Betty Hinton, Sandy Hoult and Trisha Black
Refreshment Hosts	Not Assigned
A/V	Walter Howell

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Today's Music (continued)

POSTLUDE: In 2009, Ruth wrote a piece simply called "**Celebration**" to honour the centennial of the founding of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. In July of that year, the judges at the Annual Festival of New Organ Music in London, England named it the winner. It was subsequently premiered at the opening of an organ recital in Westminster Abbey. This fanfare-like piece is dramatic in nature, registered for reeds, mixtures and strong principal stops. While starting off in a minor key, it is still a celebratory fanfare, using block chords and her trademark use of the intervals of a fourth throughout.

To the right are some commonly-asked questions by visitors. If you have a question that is not answered here, please do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters or clergy for assistance.



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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.