



**The Feast of Pentecost
May 24th, 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.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

As we gather for worship 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 Preludes on “Down Ampney” Henry G. Ley; Alan Reesor
Chorale Prelude on “Nun Bitten Wir Den Heil’gen Geist” Dietrich Buxtehude

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 643—Holy Spirit, Come with Power Hyfrydol

Introit “God’s Love Has Been Shed Abroad” Richard Shepherd; text Romans 5:5
Choir God’s love has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit he has given us.

The Greeting

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider Be with us, Spirit of God;

All **nothing can separate us from your love.**

Presider Breathe on us, breath of God;

All **fill us with your saving power.**

Presider Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All **bring strength, healing, and peace.**

Presider There is one body and one Spirit,

All **there is one hope in God’s call to us.**

Presider One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **one God and Creator of all.**

Introduction

Presider Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 702

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth. peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Final Refrain*

Collect of the Day

Presider Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, 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

The Pentecost Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

The following passage is read in a variety of languages so that we might experience the many tongues of Pentecost: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people" (John 1:1-4).

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

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



Lord, send out your Spir-it, and re - new the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. **R**

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. **R**

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. **R**

He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. **R**

May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 635—Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

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

Hymn 715

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

John 7:37-39

Gospeller May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.**

Gospeller On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

People The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

A brief silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

The Congregation stands with the Presider.

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith as we say,

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Sharing of the Peace

Presider God has made us one in Christ, setting God's seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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. If you are participating in worship online, please consider making your offering through one of the means available at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate.

Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit of Gentleness

Chorus **Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valley of sleep.
And over the eons you called to each thing:
“Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”** *Chorus*

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.** *Chorus*

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again;
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.** *Chorus*

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes;
with bold new decisions your people arise.** *Chorus*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection and the promise of the Spirit, renew your gift of life within us, and accept all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen and ascended Lord.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of your promise you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and might.

Hea - ven and earth of your glo - ry are full. Ho - san - na, ho -

To Coda
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. high - est. Ho-

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your beloved children.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory,**

Presider

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and with it ourselves: a single, holy living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas the Apostle, the apostles and prophets, and of all our beloved ones living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

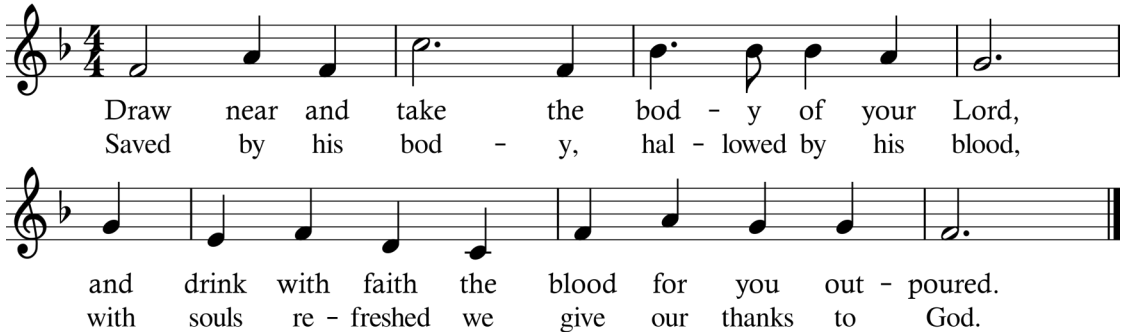
Presider Live in us that we may live in you.

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



Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
Saved by his bod - y, hal - lowed by his blood,
and drink with faith the blood for you out - poured.
with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.

The Congregation sits.

Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward in single file to the altar rail and return to your seat via the Sacristy. Those who find steps difficult may receive at the Lady Chapel and those who find walking difficult may request that Communion be brought to them. Gluten free Hosts are available upon request. 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: 60—I Come With Joy

Land of Rest

Anthem “Come, Holy Ghost” Thomas Attwood; Eva Webster, soprano soloist
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart: Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight: Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace: keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song, Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Latin 9th Century; trans. John Cosin)

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

Announcements

Commissioning in the Spirit

Presider Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known. Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God’s mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God’s Church here in Peterborough, and in the communities from which you come, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God’s future, trusting God to be your guide?

People **By the Spirit’s power, we will.**

Presider Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

People **By the Spirit’s power, we will.**

Presider Will you dare to share your riches in common and ministry to each other in need?

People **By the Spirit’s power, we will.**

Presider Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

People **By the Spirit’s power, we will.**

Presider Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?
People **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Presider The Lord is here.
People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Blessing

Hymn 645—Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia! 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 Fantasia on “Komm, Heiliger Geist”, BWV 651 J.S. Bach

Today's Music

PRELUDE: One of my favourite Pentecost hymns is “Come Down, O Love Divine”, sung to the tune “**Down Ampney**”. The tune was written by British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams and named after the village in which he was born. British composer, **Henry G. Ley** wrote a prelude based on this tune. An organist and music teacher, he was one-time organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He composed a number of choral works in the Anglican tradition, including anthems and chant settings. He also composed a setting of the Prayer of King Henry VI, also known as the Founder's Prayer. His organ setting of “Down Ampney” opens with hints of the familiar melody, followed by the main section where the melody is clearly heard on a small diapason stop. After a return of the opening music, the piece concludes quietly. Canadian organist and composer **Alan Reesor** also wrote a prelude on this tune. Reesor placed the tune in long drawn-out notes in the left hand on a reed stop accompanied by soft flutes. The tune switches hands several times throughout the work, ending with a recapitulation of the introductory music.

“**Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist**” (We now implore the Holy Ghost”) is a German chorale, the first stanza of which is based upon the plainsong chant *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Martin Luther wrote three other stanzas, possibly to be used for the Day of Pentecost. The hymn was widely known in Germany and inspired composers such as Praetorius, Buxtehude, and J. S. Bach to compose vocal and organ music based upon it. Danish composer **Dietrich Buxtehude** wrote two preludes on this tune. Today's prelude features an ornamented melody in the right hand on a quiet reed stop accompanied by soft flutes. As in most of his chorale preludes, Buxtehude intersperses music that imitates the upcoming phrase of the melody. Buxtehude's style greatly influenced other composers, such as Bach and Handel, and is considered one of the most important composers of the 17th century.

INTROIT: “God's Love Has Been Shed Abroad” is a short Introit by the British organist and composer **Richard Shephard**, based on Romans 5:5. His anthems and service settings are sung widely in cathedrals and churches of the UK and they have a considerable following in Canada and the USA.

ANTHEM: One 19th century composer who had a profound influence on the English music scene, despite his modest number of compositions, was **Thomas Attwood**, a pupil of Mozart and an eventual friend of Mendelssohn. Attwood became one of the first professors at the Royal Academy of Music on its foundation in 1823. The anthem “**Come, Holy Ghost**” has taken its place in the English church music repertoire. Its appeal is in its simplicity. Opening with a solo verse, there follow two more verses of similar structure and dynamic range, with short organ interludes sandwiched between.

POSTLUDE: Bach's “Fantasia on *Komm, Heiliger Geist*”, BWV 651 is the first of a set of 18 pieces that he brought together in an anthology he compiled and arranged in Leipzig in the mid-1740s, the so-called “Great 18.” This is an encyclopedia of ways to elaborate on hymn tunes. Most of the pieces were originally created in 1710–1714, while Bach was in Weimar, and given definitive and extended forms in Leipzig. In this fantasia, Bach wrote a free, three-voice fugue over the chorale melody in the pedals. The fugue depicts the rushing Pentecostal wind of the chorale, “Come, Holy Spirit” (*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*), in exuberant swirls, like a highly contrapuntal toccata. This style of chorale elaboration was popularized earlier by Johann Pachelbel. Bach's older brother Johann Christoph had studied with Pachelbel and passed the style on to Johann Sebastian. (notes by John Henken)

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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.