



**A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
in Loving Memory of and
Thanksgiving for the Life of
Miriam Alison Stroud
9 July 1941—1 September 2026**



Thursday 10 September 2026, 1:00 p.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Music before the Liturgy

The Congregation stands for the hymn.

Hymn 533—Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Aberystwyth

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find!
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

The Gathering

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.**

Presider We have come here today to remember with thanksgiving our sister Miriam, to give
thanks for her life, to commend her to God's eternal care, and to comfort one another
in our grief.

Let us pray. *Silence.*

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant Miriam and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Congregation sits.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Words of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

The Rev. Carolyn Woodall

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-2, 28-31 *Read by Beth Lee*

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

46 *Read by Dee Sparling*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Psalms.

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *

the holy habitation of the Most High.
 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
 God shall help her at the break of day.
 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
 God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
 what awesome things he has done on earth.
 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27 *Read by Eric Sparling*

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

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands.

Refrain I see a new heaven.

I see a new earth as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. *Refrain*

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. *Refrain*

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the might, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. *Refrain*

There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. *Refrain*

The Gospel

John 3:1-17; 7:37-52; 19:38-42

Deacon May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Deacon Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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. When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, 'This is really the prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some asked, 'Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why did you not arrest him?' The police answered, 'Never has anyone spoken like this!' Then the Pharisees replied, 'Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.' Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, 'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?' They replied, 'Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.'

After [the death of Jesus], Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

People

The Congregation sits.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Brad Smith

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The Congregation stands when the Presider stands.*

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Presider O loving God,

People **hear our prayer.**

The Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Members of the Congregation are invited to turn to those around them to exchange a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn

Worship, Learning and Service

Thornbury

The hymn of the Peterborough Deanery Anglican Church Women, lyrics composed by Miriam

In early years of mission the church her work began;
and here in this small parish her daughters dreamed a plan.
With love and prayer and vision they joined in full accord.
And this would be their purpose: to worship Christ the Lord.

By Wisdom they were guided, by love of God inspired;
pursuing each new mission with hearts and souls afire.
And through the years they honoured and studied the Holy Word,
intent upon their purpose: to learn of Christ the Lord.

Today their work continues, through fellowship and call.
All women now united beneath the banner's fall.
With joy and celebration they seek for no reward,
but to fulfil their purpose of service to the Lord.

The Prayer over the Gifts of Bread and Wine

Presider

God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day.

Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your eternal love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All

Amen.

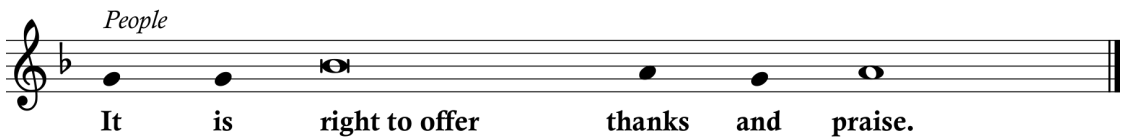
The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation is written on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Presider and the People. The Presider part starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a whole rest. The People part starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a whole rest. The second staff continues the Presider part with a quarter note on A4, followed by a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, and a half note on D5. The People part continues with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on D5, and a half note on E5. The third staff continues the Presider part with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4. The People part continues with a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

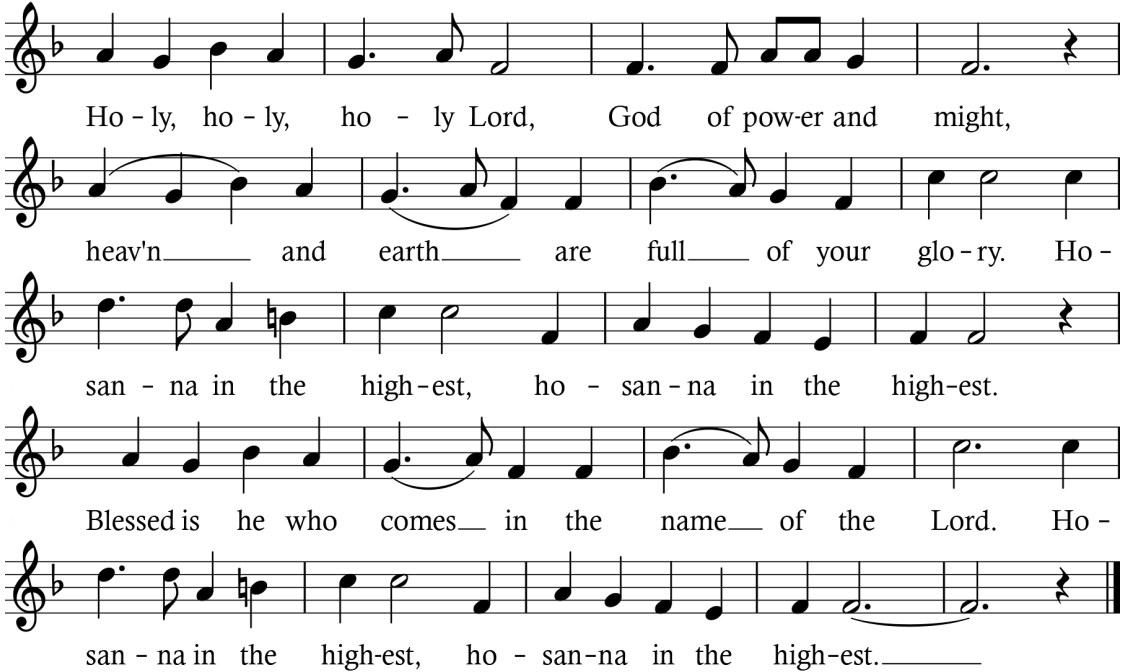
Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up to God.

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



Presider

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Presider

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the World. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

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 to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your beloved ones; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; 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

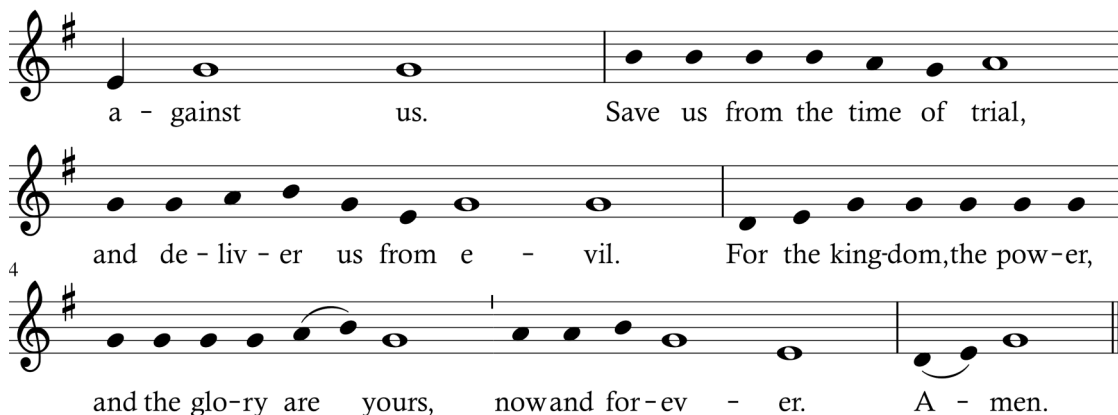
Amen.

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



The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation sits.

Communion

All baptised persons may receive Communion in bread and wine, or bread alone. Please come forward file via the centre aisle to the Chancel step and return to your seat via the side aisles. 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.

Hymns during Communion

63—Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Eat This Bread

Refrain **Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.**

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. *Refrain*

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain*

Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Any one who eats this bread, will live forever. *Refrain*

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. *Refrain*

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

Anthem*Choir*

Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro
homine, cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et
sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis
examine.*

W.A. Mozart

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for
humankind, from whose pierced side water and
blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the
trial of death!*

The Congregation stands when the Presider returns to the Altar.

Prayer after Communion*Presider*

God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom.
Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*All***Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

The Commendation

Presider Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to the earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant Miriam Alison.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

The Committal

Presider In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to almighty God our sister Miriam,
and we commit her body to the ground;
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
The Lord bless her and keep her,
the Lord make his face to shine upon her
and be gracious to her,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon her
and give her peace.

All **Amen.**

Presider Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.
All **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Presider May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
All **Amen.**

The Nunc Dimittis

Presider Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn There is a Redeemer

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the world on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the world on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the world on earth is done.**

Postlude

*Please remain in your seats standing as you are able,
as the clergy and family depart.*

You are warmly invited to a reception immediately following in the Guild Hall.

“Song of the Saints”
Pepper Choplin, 2002

Tell my loved ones I am safe now.
Tell them I have no more pain.
Do not hurry heaven’s journey,
but do not fear it just the same.

All will go through times of grieving,
every tear must be released;
but live a tribute to my memory,
heal your pain with holy peace.

Altered by Miriam, February 2016

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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.

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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.