



The Reign of Christ the King November 23rd, 2025—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 Te Deum

Peteris Vasks

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 383—Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

CP 702

The music for the verses is in the hymn book (# 702).

The musical notation is presented on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Gloria. The lyrics "Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on" are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. It includes a bracketed section labeled "to stanzas 1-3" and a final section labeled "final ending" which consists of a double bar line followed by a series of chords. The lyrics "earth. peo - ple on earth." are written below the second staff.

**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. *Refrain***

Collect of the Day

Presider Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all the corners of the earth through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ, in whom all things are held together. Make us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit the kingdom of light and peace, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish Bicentennial

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,

says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

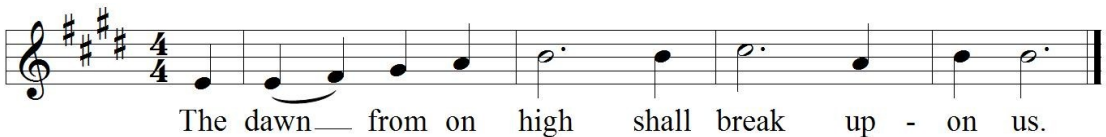
People

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

#19, The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:68-79

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



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. **R**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. **R**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. **R**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. **R**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the ways of peace. **R**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

Reader

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his

beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 594—Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour

Rhuddlan

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



Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Gospeller

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him

and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Congregation sits.

Sermon

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

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
Presider Jesus says, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence.*

All The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Presider The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength: Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God: Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name.
All **Lord God almighty, in our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Presider To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

A sign of peace is shared with members of the assembly or household

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

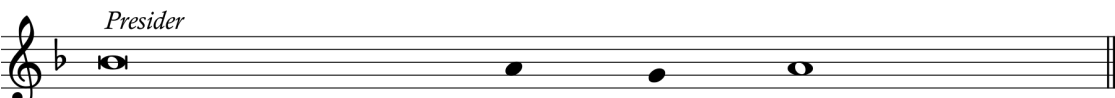
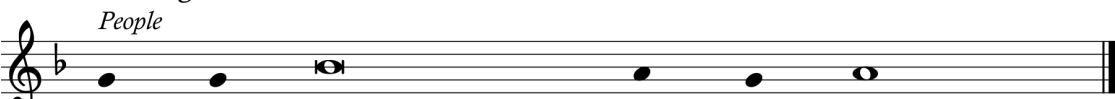
At the Offertory, gifts of bread and wine, signs of the fruit of human labour, are brought to the altar to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, signs of God’s love for the world. The money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God’s blessing of our lives, collected before the liturgy, 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

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

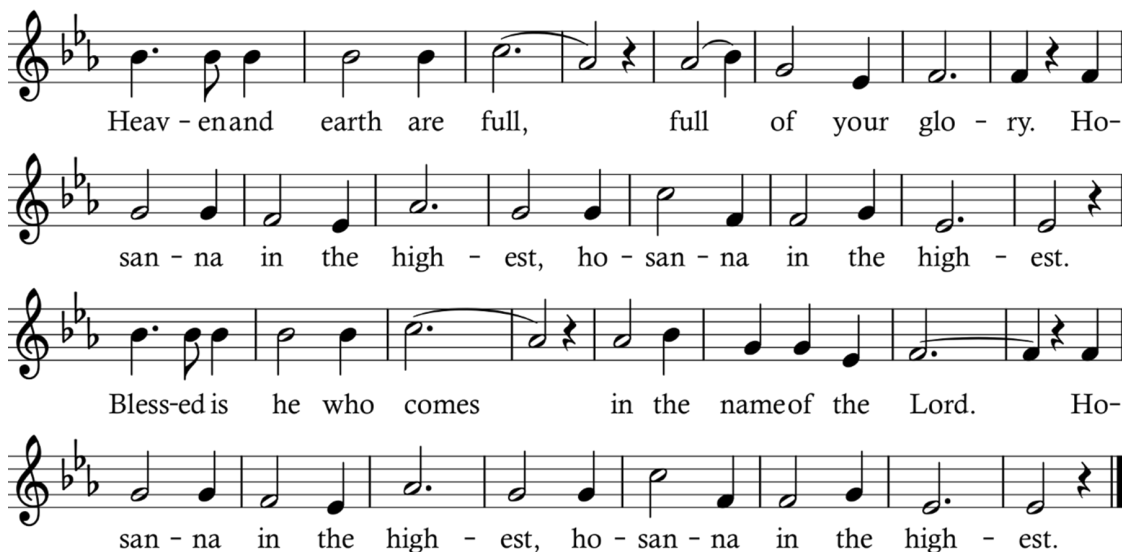
All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

<i>Presider</i>  May God be with you.	<i>People</i>  And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>  Lift up your hearts.	<i>People</i>  We lift them up to God.
<i>Presider</i>  Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.	
<i>People</i>  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. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name and singing,

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



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 sons and daughters; 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,



The musical score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your Name,
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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 God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

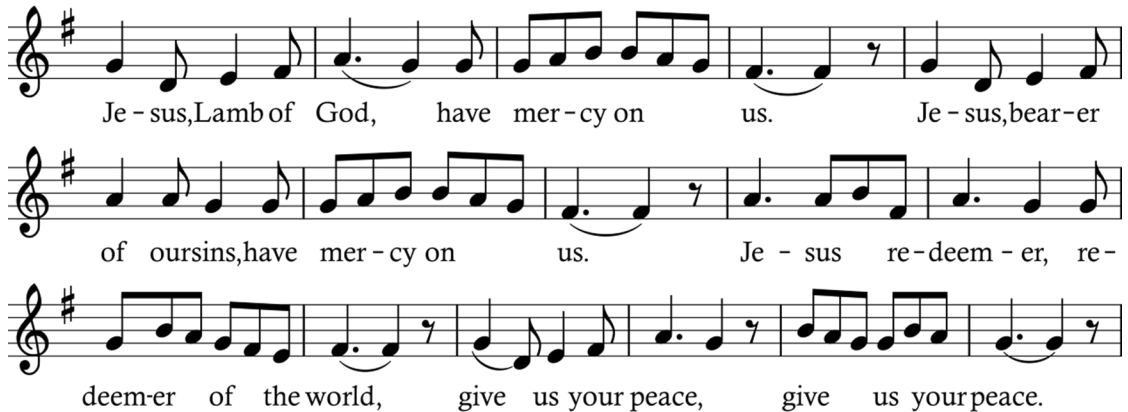
Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

747



The Congregation sits.

Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward via the centre aisle in line across the Chancel step to receive the Bread from the Presider and the Wine from the Chalice Administrator. 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: 84—Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

St. Osmund

Anthem Glorious Is the Lord Almighty

Franz Joseph Haydn (arr. by Elwood Coggin)

Glorious is the Lord almighty. Praise Him all ye people. Praise and honour to his name. We magnify Thee. We glorify Thee, Lord. Lord, we praise Thee. Lord we give thanks to Thee. Lord, we adore Thee. Lord, we glorify Thee. Hear Thou our prayer in Thy tender mercies, as we thank Thee for all Thy gracious goodness. Lord, we do thank Thee for thy kindness, and we praise Thee for Thy greatness. Glorious is Thy name Almighty Lord. Glory and honour be to Thee forever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymn 375—At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

Dismissal

Presider

All

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



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia!



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Postlude

The Hallelujah Chorus

George Frederick Handel (arr. by Arthur Wildman)

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: “Te Deum” is a Latin Christian hymn of praise, traditionally sung on occasions of public rejoicing. Its title comes from its opening Latin words, *Te Deum laudamus*, which translate to “We praise Thee, O God”. The text is largely biblical and has been set to music by numerous composers over the centuries. The Latvian composer Pēteris Vasks (b.1946) writes music in a wide range of genres, including orchestral, operatic, vocal and chamber, but he has always considered it a duty to write for the magnificent Walcker Organ in its home, the Riga Dom or Cathedral. The cathedral is the largest medieval church in the Baltic States, dating from 1211. One of his five substantial organ pieces is his thirteen-minute long “Te Deum”, written in 1991 to celebrate the re-creation of the Latvian state after Soviet occupation. Its thunderous opening yields to quieter thematic material with hints of Latvian folk tunes in the deeper regions of the organ, with brighter descants high above. This leads to a Hymn of Praise for the new State, not chant-based but swinging from major to minor, which goes through a whole gamut of contrasts in dynamics and tempi. The piece then dies away to a sublime conclusion.

ANTHEM: On this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate Christ’s role as Lord of all – the world, the church, and our lives. Christ’s kingship is featured in the readings, and often the music describes Christ’s power as King over everything. Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), the “king of the symphony” wrote fourteen large-scale masses between 1750 and 1802. Today’s anthem, “Glorious Is Thy Name Almighty” comes from Haydn’s third mass, written in 1766 and sometimes referred to as his Saint Cecilia Mass. This nickname may refer to a performance of this Mass on an unknown November 22nd (St. Cecilia’s Day) by a Viennese musician’s fraternity. American composer Elwood Coggin (1914-1996) arranged part of Haydn’s “Gloria” movement into this three-part anthem, using an English text.

POSTLUDE: Handel’s crowning achievement, *Messiah*, was not an immediate success. In 1741, Handel was heavily in debt following a string of musical failures. It seemed that his career was over and he may even be forced to go to debtors’ prison. On April 8, 1741, Handel gave what he believed to be his final concert. Later that year, two key events changed the course of Handel’s life and the landscape of music forever—his friend Charles Jennens wrote a libretto taken from the Bible, based on the life of Jesus Christ, and gave it to Handel. Then, Handel was given funding by a group of charities from Dublin, Ireland, to compose a new work for a benefit performance that would help free men from debtors’ prison. Handel would also receive his own commission for composing the work, which in turn helped him on his path to reversing his own misfortune. The composition of *Messiah*, the complete 260-page oratorio, began on August 22, 1741, and was composed in just 24 days, when Handel finished the final orchestration on September 14, 1741. Handel composed *Messiah* without getting much sleep or even eating much food. When his assistants brought him his meals, they were often left uneaten. His servants would often find him in tears as he composed. When he completed “Hallelujah,” he reportedly told his servant, “I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself seated on His throne, with His company of Angels.” The text for “Hallelujah” comes from the book of Revelation in the New Testament. Revelation 19:6: “Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” Revelation 19:16: “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.” Revelation 11:15 reads, “And he shall reign for ever and ever.” Today’s organ arrangement was made by American composer and arranger Arthur Wildman. He made numerous arrangements of vocal and orchestral pieces for the organ. His arrangement of the “Hallelujah Chorus” illustrates the joy in the music without having to hear the familiar words.

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Cantor	Lucas Paradis
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A/V	Matt Grandy

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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 \$20 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.