



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 9th, 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 Prelude on “Beach Spring”
 Trio on “Rhosymedre”
 Prelude on Song 46

Lynn Trapp
Keth Kolander
Leo Sowerby

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 434—The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Aurelia

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

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord, _____ have mer-cy. Lord, _____ have mer-cy.

Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, you hold all the powers of the universe within your hands, and we are your children whom you have called to share in the glory of Christ. Turn us to the splendour of a life lived in you, transforming us through Jesus Christ, whose day is coming.

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

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Reader A reading from the Book of Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

People

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

Psalm

98

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



Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R**

Shout with joy to the Lord all you lands; lift up your voice rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **R**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. **R**

Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **R**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

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

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,

comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

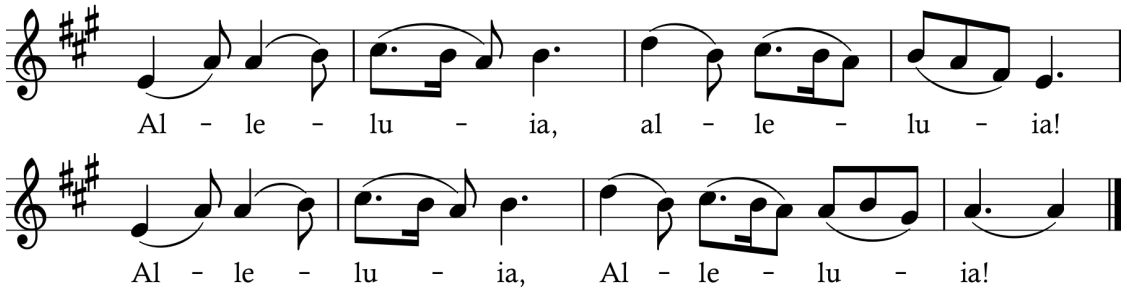
Thanks be to God.

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 393—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St Denio

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



Gospel

Gospeller

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Luke 20:27-38

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospeller

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of Christ.

People

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 is kept.

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. 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 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.

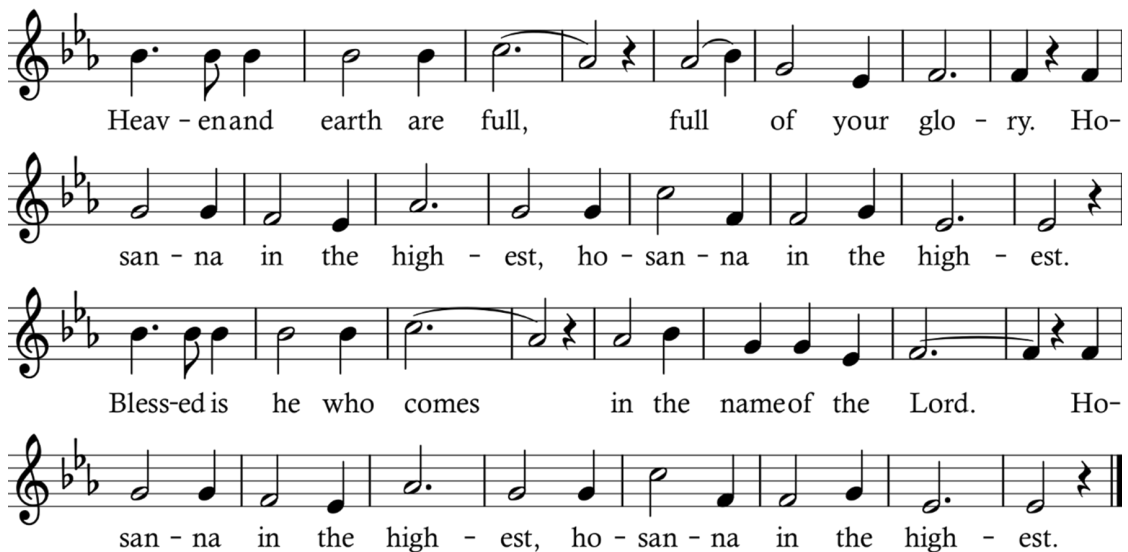
Presider Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.

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 power and might.

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



Presider

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.

All

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Presider 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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

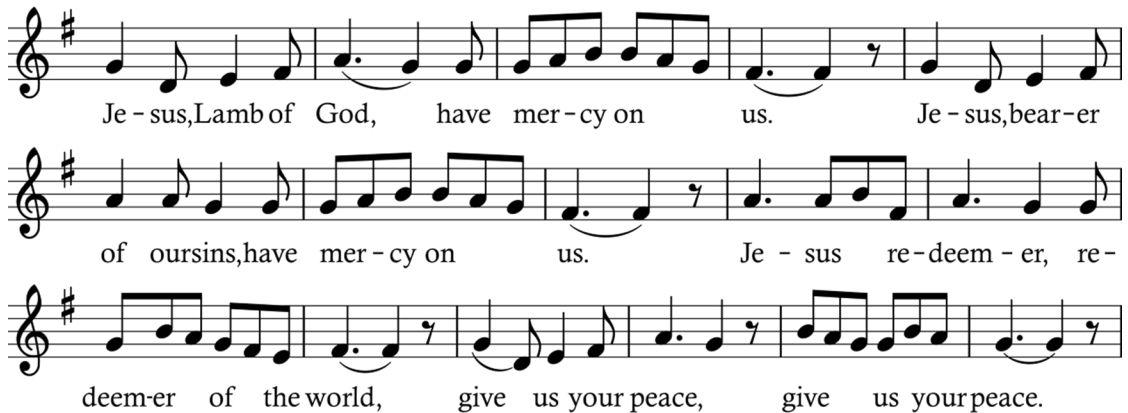
Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

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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: 49—Draw Near and Take
64—Author of Life Divine

Song 46
Rhosymedre

Anthem "May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour"

Jean Pasquest

May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above. Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

Text John Newton

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 312—Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Sing a New Song

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 Sing a New Song—Reflection on “Nicaea”

Mary McDonald

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mary Beth Walsh
by son Colin

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: Three of today's hymns are featured in this morning's prelude, beginning with the Southern United States folk hymn "Beach Spring" – the tune for today's Offering Hymn, "Come and Journey With a Saviour". In this setting by American composer Lynn Trapp (b. 1963), the hymn is played in a minor key, giving it a sombre, dark sound. Half-way through, the key changes to F major, and we hear the melody in a canon in the top voice and in the pedal. The sombre opening music returns to conclude this arrangement. Trapp holds a distinguished career as concert organist, pianist, conductor, composer and liturgist. He is currently the Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Joseph's Parish, Cockeysville, Maryland. The Welsh hymn-tune "Rhosymedre" is the tune for the second Communion hymn, "Author of Life Divine". In this setting by American composer Keith Kolander (b. 1955), Organist at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri, the tune is set in trio style, with the right hand playing a dancing rhythmic part, based on the opening few notes of the tune. The pedals provide a solid moving bass line, while the melody is heard in the middle on a solo stop. This all provides for a 17th-century sounding chorale prelude on the tune. "Song 46" is the tune for the first Communion hymn, "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord". Another American organist and composer, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968) wrote a prelude on this tune and included it in his Ten Preludes on Hymn Tunes from 1956. Sowerby uses the first four notes of the tune as the inspiration for the accompaniment. The tune is plainly heard in the pedal line for most of the work. Almost every bar of music has the little four-note motif somewhere in the manuals. From 1927 until 1962, Sowerby was the Organist and Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. James in Chicago, Illinois, where hundreds of his organ and choral works received their premieres. In 1962 he became the founding director of the College of Church Musicians at Washington's National Cathedral, a position he held until his death.

ANTHEM: American composer Jean Pasquet (1896-1977) was an organist in Louisiana and in West Virginia for many years. Throughout his composing career, he strived to write accessible and practical music of all kinds for the average parish choir. Today's anthem, "May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour", connected to today's Epistle reading, is no exception. The choir sings strains of a hymn-like chorale while the organ part consists of a dancing Bach-like accompaniment. Many of Pasquet's choral works are short, with beautiful melodic lines – traditional sounding in harmony, but not trite.

POSTLUDE: Composer Mary McDonald (b. 1956) has a professional career that now spans over forty years. Her works appear in the catalogs of every major publisher of choral music. More than 800 anthems, seasonal musicals and keyboard collections attest to her significant contribution to sacred literature. After a more than twenty-year position as Sacred Music Editor for the Lorenz Corporation in Ohio, she retired and became an independent artist, travelling across the United States for Composer Weekends. Her setting of the tune "Nicaea" (Holy, Holy, Holy) is entitled "Sing a New Song", and takes its inspiration from today's appointed Psalm 98, verses 1 and 6: "*O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand and his holy arm hath gained the victory. With trumpets and organ, make a joyful noise before the Lord, our King...*". Her arrangement of this familiar and well-loved hymn features a trumpet stop in the right hand accompanied by strong foundation stops in the left hand and pedals.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Brad Smith
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Organist	Robert Grandy
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Cantor	Robyn Hawthorne
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Refreshments Hosts	Alice Marshall and Pat Passmore
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.