



## **The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4th, 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 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

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*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**      Canto Lani Smith  
Two Preludes on Hymn to Joy” Kevin Sadowki; Alfred Fedak

*The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.*

**Hymn**      425—Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

### **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.**

*Presider*      Blessed be the One who creates all things.

*People*      **The Holy One’s love is new every morning.**

*Presider*      This is the day the Creator has made.

*People*      **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Collect for Purity**

*Presider*      Almighty God,  
*All*      **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from you no secrets are hidden,  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Kyrie Eleison



## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through 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

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### First Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you

do not sin.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

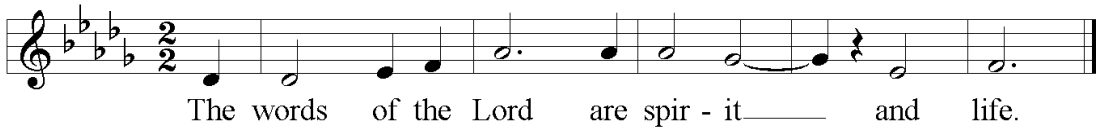
**Thanks be to God.**

*People*

**Psalm**

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



The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. **R**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **R**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. **R**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

## **Second Reading**

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to

regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn** 503—Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

Pentecost

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



**Gospel**

Matthew 21:33-46

*Gospeller* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*Gospeller* Jesus said, 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they

treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*

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

*The Congregation sits.*

**Sermon**

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Anthem**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Lani Smith

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion’s help for ever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts today! With your blessed loving kindness hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Here assure to all your servants what they ask of you to gain: What they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in your glory, evermore with you to reign. Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One; One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run. Alleluia!*

*Text: 7 th Cent. Latin, trans. John M. Neale)*

*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 against God and God's creation.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Merciful and sustaining God,  
*All* **we have sinned against you.**  
**We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation:**  
**teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.**  
**We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.**  
**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:**  
**strengthen us in self-control.**  
**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:**  
**make us urgent now for its protection.**  
**Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign,**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces the absolution, to which all answer, "Amen."*

### **The Peace**

*Presider* In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

*People* **We see God around us.**

**We see God within us.**

**We give thanks to our Creator.**

*Presider* Let us show the love God has instilled within us by greeting each other  
as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace.  
The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* You are invited to care and share peace with your neighbour, and speak a word of peace  
to the land in which we gather, and to the creatures who share this common home.

*Please turn to the people around you and exchange a sign of God's peace.*

## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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

**Hymn** 527—How Firm a Foundation

St Denio

## 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.

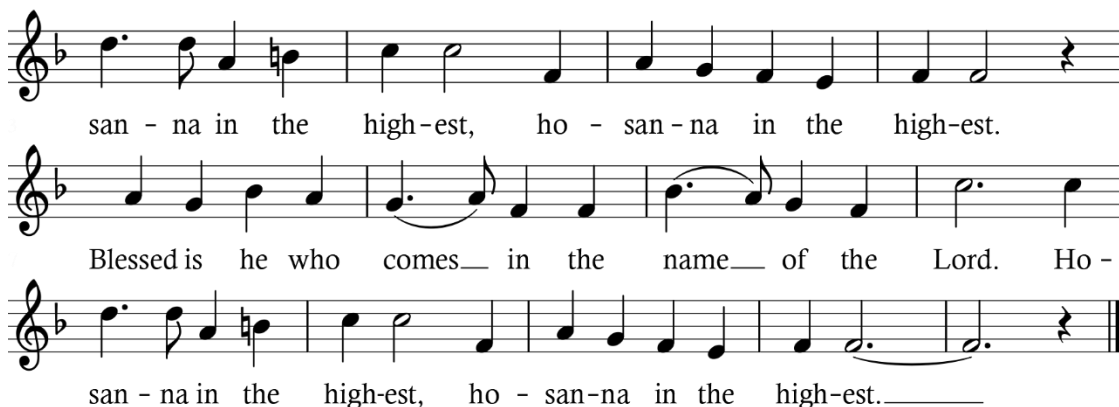
*Presider* Let us give thanks to God our Cre - ator.

*People* It is right to offer thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you, Creator of all. We praise you here in this place, where the Otonabee—river that beats like a heart—flows through city and field. We praise you in this time of sorrow, when the body of the earth is broken and bruised. We give you thanks for our place on this land and in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in desert and wilderness, displaced and displacing, frightened and welcoming, all the while searching for home. They knew you on mountains and by wells, in tents and in cities, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who saw you in a burning bush, followed you in cloud and fire, and were fed by ravens on the mountains. Together with angels and ancestors, field and river, turtle and deer, maple and cedar, we join our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



*Presider*

We give thanks to you for Jesus, born among the animals. He was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, nourished and tested in the wilderness, travelled on the lakes, and knew the mysteries of seeds and growth.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land and work of human hands, gave thanks and gave it to his friends, saying, This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you drink it, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and awaiting his coming to renew all things, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts, that we who eat and drink at this table may be one with all who hunger and thirst for justice, and be joined with all creation, our kin.

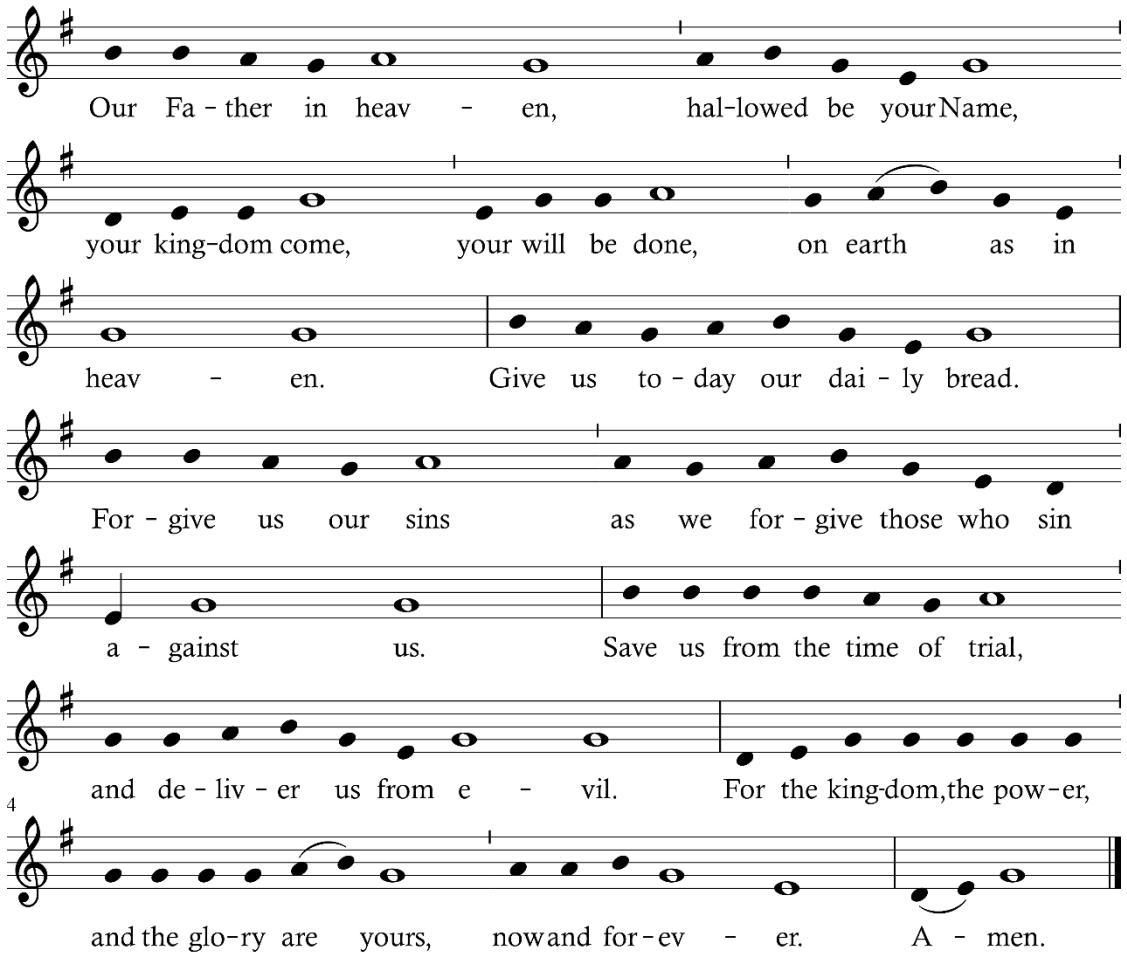
Pour out your Spirit on the whole earth, that it may become your new creation, and that we, along with your people of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised together with all the saints who rest in the wisdom of sparrow and lily, raven and mustard seed, now and on the new earth. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Saviour, and Spirit, now and in the world to come.

**Amen.**

*All*

## 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.

For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

*The Congregation sits.*

**Communion**

*For those who are present in person, all baptised persons may receive Communion. Please come forward to the Chancel step via the centre aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten free Hosts are available upon request. Those who find walking difficult may request that Communion be brought to them. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may indicate their desire by crossing their arms over their breast when they approach the Presider.*

Meditation: Choral Prelude on “St Botolph”

Eugene Hill

Hymn: 617—Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St Botolph

**COMMISSIONING AND SENDING**

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**Announcements**

**A Time for Celebration and Thanksgiving**

*On the first Sunday of each month, members of the Congregation are invited to name aloud significant dates in their lives at this time— anniversaries of birth, marriage, etc.—and other occasions for celebration. Once all have been named, the Congregation stands as the Doxology is sung.*

## Doxology (CP 667)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spi - rit, one.

## 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** 438—O Jesus, I Have Promised

Wolvercote

## 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** Recessional on “Ode to Joy”

Carolyn Hamlin

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**PRELUDE:** Today I am honouring the memory of the prolific American church-music composer **Lani Smith** (1934-2015) who is also the composer of today's anthem (q.v.). He had over 1,000 works published in his lifetime. He wrote for the average church organist, so many of his works are straightforward and not overly difficult. His **"Canto"** was published in 1971 and is a slow-moving work with a beautiful melody accompanied by warm contemporary harmonies. Now, the term "canto" is described as "one of the major divisions in a long poem", but here it simply means a "song". Registered mainly for flute and strings, it opens at a slow tempo, increases speed in the middle and concludes with a restatement of the opening section.

Next two varied preludes on Beethoven's famous **"Ode to Joy"**, our opening hymn this morning. The first by American composer **Kevin J. Sadowski** (1955-2003) is a spirited setting for flutes with the melody on a gentle reed in the pedals. Sadowski was for many years Organist and Cantor at Luther Memorial Church in Erie Pennsylvania. The second setting is by the American composer **Alfred Fedak** (b. 1953) who subtitled his setting "Hearts Unfold Like Flowers". Fedak's setting is also for flutes and reeds but in his arrangement, the hands alternate between two manuals. A widely-published and well-known composer of church music, Fedak has well over 300 choral and organ works in print, and more than 100 of his hymn tunes, as well as his many arrangements, appear in hymnals and collections throughout the English-speaking world and Asia. There are six of his hymn tunes in our Common Praise hymnbook. We often sing his Communion hymn "As We Gather at Your Table".

**ANTHEM:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Century Latin text, **"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"**, (in a translation by John Neale) gets a dramatic setting by **Lani Smith**. His bold organ accompaniment supports and enhances the strong text, sung on a noble theme, many times in unison. The anthem builds to an exciting climax, concluding with rhythmic alleluias.

**MEDITATION:** Before we all sing Gordon Slater's hymn, "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee, you will hear a short prelude on **"St. Botolph"**, the name of the tune, written by the lesser-known Canadian composer **Eugene Hill** (1909-1976) who studied in Toronto and was organist at the Church of St. Alban-the-Martyr. From 1950 to 1975, he was head of the theory and composition department at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. His setting places the tune in the left hand on a soft reed stop, accompanied by flute stops in the right hand and pedals.

**POSTLUDE:** Beethoven's **"Ode to Joy"** gets a spirited setting by the American composer **Carolyn Hamlin** (b. 1937), long-time organist at First Baptist Church in Easley, South Carolina. Her arrangement of this sturdy familiar tune opens with an introduction based on the first phrase of the hymn. The tune appears in its entirety on a solo trumpet stop with an accompaniment of block chords. A stronger, rhythmic middle section follows, connected to a broad, majestic toccata-like treatment of the hymn.

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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](mailto:office@stjohnspeterborough.ca). Please visit [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate](http://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 Armour Room 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.