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*Sunday, January 23, 2022*

*11am*

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

## 11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's according to Diocesan guidelines (January 4) with not more than ten people in the building.*

*We trust that you are keeping safe, grounded and connected in your faith this week.*

*May you be blessed as you join us in offering our prayers and praises to the glory of God.*

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*St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldemand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty, all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.*

*"The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives."*

– Luke 4.18

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

*(you may kneel or sit for prayer)*

Minister: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

All: **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.  
God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.  
Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Responses are sung.*

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

Singers: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

Singers: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Singers: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

Singers: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Canticle**

**Jubilate in C**

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*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise.  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

## **FIRST LESSON**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the

Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

### **Psalm 19** (sung by quartet)

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament showeth his handy-work.

One day telleth another;  
and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language;  
their voice cannot be heard;

Yet their sound is gone out into all lands;  
and their words into the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;  
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,  
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again;  
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, restoring the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught;  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how of the offendeth?  
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me;  
so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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.

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Minister: I believe in God

All: **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Responses are sung.*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Singers: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Singers: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily**

**bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
Singers: **And grant us thy salvation.**  
Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;  
Singers: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**  
Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
Singers: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
Minister: O Lord, save thy people;  
Singers: **And bless thine inheritance.**  
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
Singers: **And evermore mightily defend us.**  
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
Singers: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn Jesus shall reign where'er the sun** (vv 1,3,4)

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.*

*Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.*

**Homily**      Rev'd Judy Steers

**Anthem**      **How Beautiful Upon the Mountains**      John Stainer

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,  
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

*(you may sit for the prayers)*

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace      **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**      **Plein Jeu from Suite du Deuxième Ton**      L N Clérambault

*Flowers are given to the glory of God.*

*Contact Elaine Dightam if you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for an anniversary, birthday or event.*

*You can contact Elaine at 519-843-5091*

Readers	Audrey Coates, Lanny Fleming
Singers	Audrey Coates, Catherine Robertson, Lanny Fleming, Matt Oxley
Flower Guild	Nancy Knudstrup
Technician	Rod Murray

# ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 23, 2022

## **Pastoral Care**

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care, please contact a member of the clergy directly.

## **Keeping in Touch**

Each week copies of the Order of Service and Sermon Text notes are mailed or hand delivered to a group of people who do not have access to a computer and may not be able to attend in-person services because of health restrictions. If you know of someone who needs to be included on this list please contact Susan Edwards through the office at 519-846-5911.

## **Modified Online Liturgies**

This significantly modified service is live-streamed to the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel. We modified the service in compliance with diocesan guidelines (January 4) to minimize the amount of time that no more than ten people are together indoors.

We trust that you are doing everything possible to reduce the amount of transmission of the COVID virus in our community and to keep yourself spiritually and physically healthy. Thank you for your care for one another.

## **Morning Prayer - Thursday**

A group of people gather on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to pray for the community and hear the readings of the day. We are finished by 9:30 a.m. The link is available in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

## **Knitters and Quilters**

If you would like to knit 6 inch or 12 inch squares of any colour, we are gathering them up to assemble together to make afghans for palliative care patients. Please contact Wendy Boose through the church office for more information. You can deliver your completed squares to a blue container located outside the door of the Parish Centre. Yarn is also available for you if you like.

The Knitters and Quilters meet every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

## **Vestry**

Vestry will be held on Sunday February 27. Vestry Reports are due by February 5. Please send your report to Linda Coultres, [lmcoultres7@gmail.com](mailto:lmcoultres7@gmail.com) Thank you.

## **Community Meal**

On Tuesday St. John's is providing kitchen space for a limited number of people to prepare a hot meal that will be available for pick up and take out at the Elora Centre for the Arts. This is in compliance with public health and diocesan guidelines as a food security outreach. Please contact Ian Hornsby for more information. The program operates on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and is funded by a grant from the Centre Wellington Community Foundation.

## **St. John's Elora**

St. John's Elora is a Christian community within the Anglican tradition with a strong history of liturgical worship and choral music. In a spirit of service, self-giving, and thanksgiving, we offer to the glory of God, ourselves, our souls and bodies, endeavouring to foster a faith in Jesus Christ and facilitate human flourishing. We strive to be a thriving, spiritually nourishing, healthy, welcoming and missional community.

Reaching out and reaching in, community engagement, and partnerships are all critical as we build on our past and present strengths. Our ministry together depends on factors such as spiritual authenticity, intellectual integrity, respectful behaviour, the ability to listen attentively, and community hospitality. We move towards the 2030s in a spirit of love with thanksgiving for what we have been given.

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