



*Church of St. John the Evangelist
Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
11:00am*

*Holy Eucharist
(Book of Alternative Services)*

Sunday, January 30

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Welcome to St. John's Elora

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.

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.

Mass Setting Missa Brevis No 1

Healey Willan

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Singers remain standing

Almighty God,

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect for the Day

Living God,

in Christ you make all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71.1-6 (sung)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

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.

Please stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 4.21-30

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem The Call

Gail Randall

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
Such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
Such a Light as shows a Feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love.*

-George Herbert

Let us confess our faith, as we say:

The Apostles' Creed

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

The Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying together, "Lord, hear our prayer".

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we might become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Susan, our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and all who are connected to the parish of St. John's: that we might remain faithful to our calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of all the nations, and all who are in positions of leadership and authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community and all who live on or visit this land: indigenous and settler, poor and rich, young and old, and particularly those who are most vulnerable at this time; that you will show your good will to all. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for those in hospitals and care homes, and all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who live with illness in body or in mind. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom we know need our prayers this day.....Strengthen and console them by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

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

THE PEACE

You are invited to stand.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 435 Take My Life and Let it Be (v. 1, 4, 5)

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love: my Lord,
I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever,
only, all for thee.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of steadfast love,
may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

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.
Many are made one.

The Communion

Prayer During Reception: (for people participating online with spiritual communion)

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, Come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you.

(Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria e'Liguori)

Angus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us thy peace*

Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray:

Please stand.

Source of all goodness,
in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine.
May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Trio from Suite du Deuxième Ton

L N Clérambault

Singers: Lesley Bouza, Kate Wright, Catherine Robertson, Jerome Chang, Alan MacDonald

Readers: Jerome Chang, Kate Wright

Flower Guild: Jane Rajantie

Technician: Steve Hornett

ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 30, 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 at 2:00 pm on Zoom. Vestry Reports are due by February 5. Please send your report to Linda Coultres, lmcoultres7@gmail.com Thank you.

Compline – Thursday at 8:30 pm

Join the clergy and members of the Parish Choir as they live-stream a service of sung Compline on Thursday February 3, 8:30 pm from St. John's. Drawing on traditional plainchant, this service is almost entirely sung from beginning to end, creating a space of quiet contemplation for the end of the day.

The service will also include musical selections by Renaissance-era composers Thomas Tallis and John Sheppard. You can participate in the service through the St. John's YouTube channel.

This is a wonderful way to find some solace during this time of dislocation.

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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