



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*February 20, 2022
11:00 am*

*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Sexagesima*

11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

This service is live-streamed from St. John's according to Diocesan guidelines (February 1) 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 Wood Short Service in the Phrygian Mode

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW (*congregation can kneel or sit for prayer*)

Celebrant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie - Singers

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT

Celebrant: O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Genesis 45.3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 37.1-12 *(plainchant)*

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly;
neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
and be withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good;
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord,
and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him,
and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light,
and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Rest in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him:
but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure:
fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

For wicked doers shall be rooted out;
but they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone:
thou shalt look upon his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the land,
and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just,
and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was at the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Stand)

GOSPEL **Luke 6.27-38**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 6th chapter of the gospel according to Luke
beginning at the 1st verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed

down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

All: I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 5 Christ Whole Glory Fills the Skies (vv 1,2,3)

Christ whose glory fills the skies,

Christ the true, the only light,

Sun of Righteousness arise!

Triumph o'er the shades of night:

Day-spring from on high, be near;

Day-star in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn

unaccompanied by thee;

joyless is the day's return

till thy mercy's beams I see,

till they inward light impart,

glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,

pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

fill me, Radiancy divine,

scatter all my unbelief;

more and more thyself display,

shining to the perfect day.

HOMILY

Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

ANTHEM Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

- John 13.34

INTERCESSIONS *(You may kneel or sit for prayer)*

Let us pray for the world, the church, and all those in need this day, saying together, "Lord, have mercy."

For all the churches in our community, for our Bishop, Susan, and Primate, Linda, and all congregations committed to their charge, that each one of us might be true and faithful servants of Christ, let us ask the riches of his grace.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, for those working in schools and hospitals, that the Lord will sustain them and protect them, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or isolated (especially....) that the Lord will uphold them in their minds and bodies, let us ask the strength of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of all nations, and all who are in positions of authority; that they might serve to build up communities of hope, let us ask the wisdom of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us ask the light of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have departed this life in faith and fear (especially....) that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom, let us ask the peace of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God,

All: **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. — *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. — *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. — *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. — *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

(Singers stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Singers: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Singers: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Singers: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Singers Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he give it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.
And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: **And with thy Spirit.**

Singers **Agnus Dei**

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)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Singers remain standing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Postlude Chaconne in G minor

Louis Couperin

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. William Ellis, always remembered by his wife Patricia and Sarah, Ben and family; also in loving memory of Bonnie Smiley.

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

Please note there are no flowers during the season of Lent.

Readers

Flower Guild

Singers

Video Technician

Dawn McClure

Rebecca McKay, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Michael Cressman

Steve Hornett

Announcements for February 20, 2022

Pastoral Care

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

February is Music Month at St. John's.

All are welcome to participate in these online events. To receive the Zoom link you can register on the homepage of the website or receive the link in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

Thursday February 24, 7:30 p.m.

Composing Community

On Zoom.

Music Director, Patrick Murray, will discuss his research on composers engaging communities and community stories through the creation of new works of choral music, specifically looking at composer, Julia Wolfe's 2012 coal-mining oratorio, *Anthracite Fields*.

Meet the Choristers

Watch for features that profile members of the St. John's Parish Choir throughout the month.

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

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

Vestry

Vestry will be held on Sunday February 27, on Zoom.

The annual Vestry Report is available on the website. Please contact Linda Coultres if you would like a paper copy.

Walking in Right Relations with Indigenous People

Last September hundreds of cloth orange ribbons were tied to trees around St. John's property to mark the first Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada.

When it was time to remove the 13" cloth ribbons, parishioner Jane Rajantie was inspired to design and create a double-sided quilt using all the weathered ribbons. On one side of the quilt the colours blend from light to dark with red ribbons at the bottom representing the many missing Indigenous women and girls across Canada. On the other side the dark represents the night sky and the orange ribbons represent the children who died in residential schools across Canada. This lasting and intentional piece of textile art will be visible at liturgies, meetings and gatherings, often draped over an empty chair. It will serve to remind us of the missing voices and our responsibility to walk in right relations with Indigenous people. Thank you Jane for your creative contribution to help us on our road towards reconciliation in Canada. This is a humbling and clear reminder to us all.

New Guidelines

We are anticipating new diocesan Guidelines for Ministry to be issued that allow us to hold in-person gatherings for worship soon. We will keep you posted when we can welcome you back in the church.

Lent Book Club

Ralph Benmurgui's book, "I Thought He Was Dead: A Spiritual Memoir" is available at Magic Pebble Bookshop in Elora. We will be using this book throughout Lent for our own reflections on mortality, death, hope and faith.

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 7:30 p.m. A service will be live-streamed from St. John's.

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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