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Sunday, February 28, 2021  
11am  
Second Sunday of Lent

## 11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*According to Diocesan Guidelines this liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's with no more than ten people on site.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Rend your heart and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

*Joel 2.13*

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.

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;

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

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

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

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

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

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

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

### **Psalm 22.22-30**

*(sung by quartet)*

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him:  
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor;  
he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he hear him.

Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord will praise him;  
may your heart live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the Lord;  
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's,  
and he is the Governor among the nations.

Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down;  
and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust, and he that cannot keep his soul alive.

Their posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.

### **First Reading    Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

### **Canticle    Deus Misereatur (Psalm 67)**

God be merciful unto us and bless us,  
And show us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us.  
That thy way may be known upon earth,  
Thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God:  
Yea let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon the earth  
Let the people praise thee, O God:  
Let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
And God, even our own God shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.  
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 Reading    Mark 8.31-38**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: 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;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou has made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 589 Take Up Your Cross (vv 1,2,5)

*Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.*

*Take up thy cross and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.*

*Take up thy cross, let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem O Salutaris

Cesar Franck

O Savior offered for mankind, Through whom the gate of heaven we find,  
Guard us against the ancient foe, Thy mighty aid on us bestow.  
Now to the Godhead One in Three, Glory for all eternity,  
With thee to know a life for aye, In this our true home e're to stay.

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

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.**

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

Postlude By the Waters of Babylon

JS Bach

We do not offer flowers during the season of Lent, however, if you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones for Easter, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-843-5091

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## **ANOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

### **Vestry 2021**

Sixty eight people gathered online for our annual VESTRY meeting last Sunday, and here are a few highlights:

We welcomed five new members to St John's;

We viewed a video of highlights of the year (now available on St. John's YouTube Channel);

We passed a new budget for the year;

Our new Wardens are: Peter Barr, Diana Spearn, Jeff Ostic, and Pam Gradwell;

Our new Treasurer is Andrew Hirst;

Our Bookkeeper is Susan Hirst;

We thanked outgoing leaders: Emily Petrenko (Warden); Marcus Kramer (Warden); and Ken Edwards (Treasurer);

We thanked Colleen and Rod Murray for their participation in our online presence in the past year.

More information about VESTRY will be coming in a separate mailing, but it was a most inspiring time of gratitude and renewed commitment to our ministry.

### **Braiding Sweetgrass**

We began conversation together on the book "Braiding Sweetgrass" last week. We look forward to a few more sessions of conversation together that allow us to reflect on how the themes of the book are affecting our lives of faith.

### **Supporting St John's**

Givings to the General Fund and Choir Fund support 75% of our annual expenses this year.

If you would like to support St. John's financially, there are several ways for you to give:

Envelopes (delivered or mailed)

E-Transfer to [treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

Online at [www.niagaraanglican.ca/donate](http://www.niagaraanglican.ca/donate) (identify Elora-St John's as the Parish)

P.A.G (Pre Authorized Giving) - for a form to enrol a monthly gift to St John's please contact Barbara Gow at 519-846-8188.

If you would like to consider a gift to the **Endowment Fund** with a contribution of shares or a gift from your estate, please contact Ken Edwards or Peter Barr at the parish office. Interest from the Endowment Fund supports up to 17% of our annual budget.

### **Pastoral Letters**

If you would like to receive the weekly Pastoral Letters from the Rector, please let Paul know at [rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

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