



# *Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Elora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara*

*March 6, 2022  
11:00 am*

*First Sunday in Lent*

## 11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's.*

*Welcome back to St. John's in-person. It is wonderful to have you here.  
Please wear a face mask at all times, and keep a physical distance from members of other households.  
Congregational singing is permitted quietly according to diocesan guidelines (March 1).*

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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.*

### **Mass Setting    Darke in F**

#### **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, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*People:* **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast 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  
**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

### Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16 *(plainchant)*

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, 'Thou art my refuge and my stronghold; my God in whom I will trust.'

Because thou hast said, 'the Lord is my refuge', and hast made the Most High thy habitation,

There shall no evil happen unto thee,  
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee,  
to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands,  
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:  
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him;  
I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him:  
yes, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him,  
and show him my salvation.

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 4.1-13**

*Reader:*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:*      The Holy Gospel is written in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Luke  
beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 175 Forty Days and Forty Nights (vv 1,2,3,5)

*Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights tempted,  
and yet undefiled:*

*Shall not we your trials share,  
learn your discipline of will,  
and with you by fast and prayer  
wrestle with the powers of hell?*

*Burning heat throughout the day,  
bitter cold when light had fled.  
prowling beasts around your way,  
stones your pillow, earth your bed.*

*Saviour, may we hear your voice  
keep us constant at your side;  
and with you we shall rejoice  
at the eternal Eastertide.*

**HOMILY** Rev'd Judy Steers

### ANTHEM Cherubic Hymn No. 6

Dmitry Bortniansky

*Let us who mystically represent the cherubim,  
And who sing the thrice holy hymn  
To the life-creating trinity,  
Now lay aside all earthly cares. Amen.  
That we may receive the king of all,  
Who comes in visibly upborne by the angelic hosts, Alleluia.*

*(English text by Vladimir Morosan)*

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.*

*"We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."*

- Matthew 4.4

## 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 people of Ukraine, for those who are displaced and for those who remain, that they might be renewed in strength and courage, let us ask the peace of Christ.

**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**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;  
*All:* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;  
*All:* We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
*All:* 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.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; 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.**

*All:* **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own**

righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

**Singers**      **Agnus Dei**

***During Communion:***

*Please remain in your seat and the sacrament will be brought to you in one kind (bread). Please keep your face mask on while you hear the words of administration or blessing. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, please fold your arms across your chest. Once the communion administrator is beyond your 2m physical distance you may remove your face mask to consume the sacrament.*

***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.**

***Celebrant:***      Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

***All:***      **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## Blessing

### Hymn 564 Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us (vv 1,2,3)

*Lead us, heavenly Father,  
lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.*

*Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.*

*Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.*

## Postlude Adagio in A minor

J S Bach

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

Readers	Chris Rynberk, Pam Gradwell
Greeters	Jane Rapp, Charlotte Logan
Altar Guild	Pam Gradwell, Susan Hirst
Singers	Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Emily Petrenko, Autumn Debassige, Quade Nielsen, Lanny Fleming, Michael Cressman, Luke MacLean
Video Technician	Gerry Hill

## **Announcements for March 6, 2022**

### Pastoral Care

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

### Welcome Back!

On March 1st new guidelines for ministry came into effect to welcome back in-person congregations, allow quiet congregational singing, indoor weddings and funerals. Face masks are still required and the Vaccine Policy is still in effect for clergy, singers, readers, greeters, altar and flower guild members, and wardens. Please notify Linda Coultres of the date of your vaccine booster if you fall in any of those categories.

Thank you for your patience as we slowly put our in-person events in place in accordance with diocesan guidelines.

### Live-streaming and Cell Phones

The 11:00 am service is live-streamed to people who cannot be here in-person. If you are attending

today's service in-person, please put your cell phone on "AIRPLANE" mode so it does not interfere with our WiFi signal.

### **Vestry**

Last Sunday 69 people met at our annual Vestry on Zoom. We approved a new budget for 2022, welcomed ten new people, heard about updates on the four areas of our Vision, and appointed and elected a new leadership team. The Wardens are Peter Barr, Pam Gradwell, Jeff Ostic and Jane Houlding.

Copies of the Vestry Report are available at the back of the church.

### **Ukraine**

Continue to pray for all those who can influence towards peace in Ukraine. PWRDF is working with Hungarian Interchurch Aid to respond to the needs of the refugees by setting up support check points. To support this work visit PWRDF or make a donation by calling 1-866-308-7973 or through St. John's marking your cheque "Ukraine."

### **Lent Book Club**

**Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.**

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. Join us this Tuesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom as we explore how we define ourselves in a world that values "what I do" over "who I am called to be."

### **Morning Prayer**

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. on Zoom join us to hear the scriptures of the day and offer prayers for the world.

### **Compline - A Vigil for Peace in Ukraine**

Thursday, March 10, 8:00 p.m.

Join us in-person or online for this reflective choral service to conclude your day. Please register with Linda by email or a telephone call to the Parish Office.

### **Heritage River**

This Friday, March 11, there will be a service of Holy Communion at Heritage River at 10:00 a.m. for the residents.

### **Walking in Right Relations**

At Vestry we heard about the hundreds of orange ribbons that were tied to trees around St. John's property last September to mark the first Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada.

All those weathered ribbons were stitched together by Jane Rajantie to create a double sided quilt which you can see displayed by the lectern. This quilt, which will be present at liturgies and gatherings, reminds us of the missing voices and of our need to take responsibility to walk toward reconciliation.

## 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.

### St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

*Proclaim the Love of Christ – Engage and Involve – Musical Outreach – Open Doors*

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