



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

March 20, 2022

11:00 am

Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 am 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).

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 Mass for 4 Voices

William Byrd

Introit I Will Wash My Hands in Innocence

David Hurd

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: We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 ISAIAH

Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63.1-8 *(plainchant)*

O God, thou art my God;
early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee,
in a barren and dry land, where no water is.

Thus have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself:
my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner,
and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied even as it were with marrow and fatness;
and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

When I remember thee upon my bed,
I meditate upon thee in the night-watches;

Because thou has been my helper;
and under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

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 13.1-9**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of the gospel according to Luke
beginning at the 1st verse.

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (vv 1,3,5)

*There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.*

*There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.*

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

ANTHEM Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells

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 people who travel, and people who work 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 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vv 1,2,3)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.*

*I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.*

*Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;*

*let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.*

*Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.*

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

Readers	Jane Houlding and Mark Haslett
Greeters	Ian Hornsby, Ian Rice
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Wendy Donohue
Singers	Janelle Santi, Rebecca McKay, Christina Stelmacovich, Autumn Debassige, Lanny Fleming, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Luke MacLean
Video Technician	Steve Hornett

Announcements for March 20, 2022

Pastoral Care

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

New Guidelines

New Guidelines for Ministry come into effect on Monday March 21. While physical distancing is to be maintained and face masks are still to be worn we do not need to collect names for contact tracing. Out of care for one another please self-screen for symptoms and participate online if you are not feeling well. Until further notice, while not required, because space is limited due to physical distancing, you are encouraged to register to attend a Sunday liturgy at 11:00 to ensure that you have a seat. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we slowly make steps forward in re-opening in a responsible way to care for one another.

The Parish Choir is delighted to resume weekly rehearsals on Thursday evening with physical distancing. Everyone involved in the functioning and leadership of a liturgy or meeting at a mid-week group is still required to have a booster vaccine. Please give the date of your booster vaccine to Linda Coultres. Copies of the new Guidelines for Ministry are available at the back of the church.

Pastoral Letter

To receive the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector with news on St. John's events and some reflections, please let us know.

Sunday Liturgy at 11:00

To be involved in a Sunday liturgy as a Greeter, please contact Thomas Littlewood; as a Reader, please contact Patricia Reimer; as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Pam Gradwell. You can contact any of them by calling the Parish Office.

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.

Ukraine

More than 3 million people have become refugees since February 24 and more are expected. The Anglican Church of Canada is partnering with the work of Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) which has sent over 28 tons of food to Ukrainian refugees so far. For over 25 years HIA has been working in Ukraine with humanitarian and development projects. To support this relief effort you can make a donation at [PWRDF.ORG](https://www.pwrdf.org) or by calling 1-866-308-7973.

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.

Morning Prayer

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

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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