



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*May 29, 2022
11:00 am*

Sunday after Ascension - Jerusalem Sunday

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Prayer books are available on the shelf in the transept aisle if you wish to use one.

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

Welcome to an in-person service at St. John's.

Please keep your physical distance where possible.

Wear a good fitting face mask.

Use the hand sanitizer provided.

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 Ascendens Christus in altum

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Introit Ascendens Christus in altum

Raffaella Aleotti

Hymn 247 Hail the Day that Seems Him Rise (vv 1,2,3)

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!

to his throne above the skies alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia! enters

now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!

lift your heads eternal gates; alleluia!

he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!

take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!

yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!

though returning to his throne, alleluia!

still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

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.**

(congregation may be seated or kneel)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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 (choir)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Celebrant: O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

Reading Acts 1.1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While

he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Psalm 47 (*plainchant*)

O clap your hands together, all ye peoples; o sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is a great King over all the earth.
He subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us, even the glorious land of Jacob, whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the nations: God sitteth upon his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples are gathered together, with the people of the God of Abraham;
For the rulers of the earth belong unto God; he is very highly exalted.

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of the gospel according to Luke beginning at the 44th verse.

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

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: **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 278 Jerusalem the Golden (vv 1,3,4)

*Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blessed,
beneath thy contemplation*

sink heart and voice oppressed.

*I know not, O I know not what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.*

*There is the throne of David, and there,
from care released, the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever are clad in robes of white.*

*O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect;
O dear and future vision, that eager hearts expect:
even now by faith we see thee,
even here thy walls discern;
to thee our thoughts are kindled;
for thee our spirits yearn.*

SERMON Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem **God is Gone Up**

Gerald Finzi

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepares the elements for Communion.

"Seeing that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need." (Hebrews 4:14,16)

PRAYERS

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant *ELIZABETH* our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life as in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

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

(Choir stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Choir: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Choir: 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.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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

Choir 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.**

Choir: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

You are invited to receive communion in one kind from one of two standing stations: one station at the chancel steps, and one at the cross of the main aisle. Please keep your distance from members of other families.

Please keep your face mask on while you hear the words of administration or blessing.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

OUR Father

All: **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 451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You (vv 2,3,4)

King of life, you have created wheat in golden harvest spread: make your servants strong to serve you by the gift of daily bread. Feed us with your body broken, with your blood out poured sustain, that our souls divinely strengthened may the life eternal gain.

King of mercy, you have saved us from the haunting sense of loss, nailing in your vast compassion sin's indictment to the cross.

Those who love, by your sore anguish, from the past you cleanse and free, breathing words of absolution, throned and reigning from the tree.

*King triumphant, King victorious, take your throne our hearts within,
lest the might of fierce temptation snare us into deadly sin.*

*By the Spirit's rich anointing, grant us strength life's race to run, till
the power of sin be vanquished, till the prize of God be won.*

Greeter	Ian Rice
Readers	Chris and Jean Houston
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Nancy Knudstrup
Technician	Gerry Hill

Flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reinhart Kusserow, the gift of his wife, Helen; and in celebration of 40 years of happiness and Max's birthday, the gift of Maureen McIntyre.

Announcements for May 29, 2022

This Week at St. John's

Monday	1:30 p.m. Land Acknowledgment Sharing Circle (online) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Communion Service 10:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 11:00 a.m. Communion Service at Wellington Terrace 7:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m. Fall and Winter Staff Planning Morning
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) with Volunteer Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion at Christ Church Chapel, Drayton 11:00 a.m. Choral Matins (BCP) with Parish Choir 4:00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG - Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sharing Circle (on line) with members of Six Nations

Monday May 30, 1:30 p.m.

Join Rev Judy Steers and her colleague, Rhonda Johns, director of Nations Uniting, on Monday, May 30th for a conversation about Land Acknowledgements. [Please email Judy](#) if you are interested - the sharing circle is on zoom, beginning at 1:30 pm. and includes Indigenous and settler participation. This is part of a semi-monthly Sharing Circle which is hosted by Nations Uniting, an Indigenous-led ministry of the United Church on Six Nations.

Choral Evensong for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday June 5, 4:00 p.m. with Octet.

Not to be missed, invite your friends to join you in this beautiful liturgy to give thanks for the Queen's 70 years of faithful service as our Sovereign.

Hats, fascinators, and royal attire are welcome. We are decorating the reception space to celebrate the spirit of the occasion.

Working within our Guidelines for Ministry, weather permitting we are preparing for an outdoor reception after the service. Please contact Judy Bates or Clare Johnston if you can help in any way with the outdoor reception. The service will be live-streamed.

We need your Help

With the warmer weather we are opening our doors for tourists to come inside to take a moment to enjoy our beautiful space, to learn about St. John's, and to offer a prayer. The Rector is making a schedule of people who are willing to be a "host" for one hour on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in June or July to welcome and engage our visitors. Please contact the Rector if you want to participate. Until we are able to secure some of our live-streaming equipment, we are limiting Open Doors to times when someone is on site.

Fiercely Loved

Sunday June 12, 4:00 p.m.

Join the Bishop and people across the Diocese as we celebrate the presence and participation of 2SLGBTQIA+ in our communities. The service is in-person and live-streamed on YouTube Niagara Anglican.

Participating at St. John's

If you are interested in being a Greeter on Sunday at 11, please contact Thomas Littlewood; or if you would like to help the live-streamed tech team, please contact Rev'd Judy Steers; or help with our social media presence, please contact Colleen Murray. All of them can be reached by leaving a message at the office, 519-846-5911.

There is a role for you at St. John's.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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