



*Church of St. John the Evangelist
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*Sunday, May 9, 2021
11am*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
and Feast of St John the Evangelist*

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines of having no more than five people on site. Today we have four people on site.

Welcome and Announcements

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. O come, let us worship.

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 98 (said responsively)

O Sing unto the Lord a new song;

for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm,
hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord hath declared his salvation:

his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel;
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands:
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp:

sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and the sound of the horn,

O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein;
the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord;
for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world,
and the peoples with equity.

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.

Jubilate (said)

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Reading John 15.9-17

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Hymn 472 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost (vv 1,4,5,6)

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,

Taught by thee, we covet most

Of thy gifts at Pentecost

Holy, heavenly love.

Faith and hope and love we see

Joining hand in hand agree;

But the greatest of the three,

And the best, is love.

Faith will vanish into sight;

Hope be emptied in delight;

Love in heaven will shine more bright;

Therefore give us love.

From the overshadowing

Of thy gold and silver wing

Shed on us, who to thee sing,

Holy, heavenly love.

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

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Feast of St John the Evangelist

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; 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.**

Homily Canon Paul Walker

Anthem Laudate Dominum W.A. Mozart
*Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

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.**

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

Postlude **Little Prelude and Fugue in F** JS Bach

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Veronica Punnett, the gift of her husband Gerald Punnett; and in loving memory of Beve Cole from the Knitters and Quilters Group.

Reader Jeff Ostic
Singer Janelle Santi
Video Technician Rev'd Judy Steers

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 9, 2021

Keeping in Touch

If you would like a copy of the Order of Service and text of the Sunday sermon delivered or mailed to you, please let us know.

Seeking a New Music Director

We are seeking a new Music Director to lead our Parish Choir and our music program. The details of the job posting are available on the St. John's website. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care or prayer, please call the Parish Center and leave a voicemail for one of the clergy or contact them by email.

Evening Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays 8:00pm

During this time of provincial stay-at-home pandemic restrictions, St John's is hosting Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 8:00 pm on Zoom. The link is found in the Rector's weekly email, or by writing to Rev Judy Steers (curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com). Evening prayer will be a short time of prayer, readings and music, then 30 minutes of Bible study/scripture reflections together.

This weekly zoom liturgy and reflections time is offered as an additional way of keeping us connected and spiritually grounded during the coming weeks.

Canadian Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is the 70th year to mark Canadian Mental Health Awareness Week. The slogan, "*Name it, Don't numb it: Get real about how you feel,*" suggests the importance of identifying how we are feeling as a way to promote our own emotional and mental health. The Canadian Mental Health Association offer all kinds of resources to support you. You can reach our local branch at 1-844-437-3247.

A Note from the Treasurer

Financial Report for January 1 to April 30 2021:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Offerings	61,259	65,000
Choir	17,905	20,000
Wage Subsidy	7,445	6,000
Facilities	900	900
Other	771	0
Investment Fund	38,633	38,632
TOTAL	126,913	130,532

You may be interested to know that, of the General Offerings and Choir Donations, 50% now come from Pre-Authorized Givings (PAG), 7% from E-transfers and 43% through the door or mail.

As you can see, our income is running slightly below budget. However, expenses are also below budget, due in main to the church buildings being closed.

Givings

If you would like to learn more about how to support the ministry of St John's, monthly Pre-Authorized Givings, or change your monthly amounts please contact our new Givings Secretary, Steve Hornett, at givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com or leave a message at 519-846-5911.

The Wardens want to thank Barbara Gow who, for health reasons, has retired from her role as Givings Secretary. Thank you, Barbara for all that you have given to us over fifteen faithful years. Our deep gratitude, love and prayers go with you.

You can always give securely through E-transfer at treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Please identify in the description where you would like your donation to go (General Fund, Choir Fund, PWRDF, or other)

A Note from the St. John's PWRDF Group

Have you been vaccinated? If so, then "Pay it Forward"

With the encouragement of the Anglican Church of Canada and our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, PWRDF has created a fund for Anglicans eager to "pay it forward." Now as you receive your vaccination and experience a surge of relief and gratitude, you have the opportunity to "Pay it Forward" and make a donation to PWRDF's **Vaccine Equity Fund**.

A sacrifice of thanksgiving for God's blessing and protection these past 12 months, or a gift in honour of someone you love will help some of the 4 billion people in this world who are still waiting to be vaccinated. You can earmark your gift "Vaccine Equity Fund" and it will go to any of PWRDF's partners.

Or you may designate it to "India Covid Support" to help in the horrendous situation in that country.

Here are your options of making a gift:

- Include it in your usual donation to St. John's, marking your cheque (or E-Transfer) "PWRDF", plus your choice of *Vaccine Equity Fund*, or *India Covid Support*.
- Phone PWRDF staff Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973

For our regular PWRDF gift this year we have an exciting project in mind, "A Light for every Birth". More about that in our next missive.

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