



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*May 30, 2021
11:00 am*

Trinity Sunday

11:00 am Holy Communion (BAS)

In compliance with Diocesan guidelines this liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's Church with five people present in the building.

It is available on the St. John's Elora YouTube channel.

Welcome and Announcements

Mass Setting Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena

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Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Singers remain standing

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the Thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie - Singer

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

Father, we praise you:

through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.

You reveal your salvation in all the world

by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Through your Holy Spirit

you give us a share in your life and love.

Fill us with the vision of your glory,

that we may always serve and praise you,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Reading Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Psalm 29 (said responsively)

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice.
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

An in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

John 3.1-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily Canon Paul Walker

Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy (vv 1,2,4)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty,

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,

in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty,

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

The Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of People

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying together, "Lord, hear our prayer".

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we might become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Susan, our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and all who are connected to the parish of St. John's: that we might remain faithful to our calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of all the nations, and all who are in positions of leadership and authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, and those who are most vulnerable during this time: that you will show your good will to all. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in hospitals and care homes, and all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who live with illness in body or in mind. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom we know need our prayers this day.....Strengthen and console them by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Anthem Love Bade me Welcome

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything*

*A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear
I cannot look on thee
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply
Who made the eyes but I?*

Vaughan Williams

*Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.*

Poem by George Herbert

The Celebration Of The Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Living God,

receive all we offer you this day.

Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit,
we may share in your divine life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise, because, in the mystery you disclose to us, you reveal your glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory.

Therefore, joining our voices with all the company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets, and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 those who 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

The following prayer is said by all during this prayer the elements may be elevated, in offering to the people.

Celebrant: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.

Agnus Dei - Singer

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Grant us thy peace

The Celebrant receives the sacrament on behalf of the entire community.

Prayer of Reception:

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)

Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God,

may we who have received this eucharist

worship you in all we do,

and proclaim the glory of your majesty.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Chandler Kerwin,
the gift of Maureen and Max McIntyre.

If you would like flowers in memory of loved ones or to celebrate an occasion
please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com

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Announcements for May 30, 2021

Technical Support

If you would like some technical support to access any online resources from St. John's please contact Steve Hornett at 519-846-5911 or geek.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the clergy. You can leave a message at the Parish Center and your voice mail is automatically redirected to the Rector's email.

A Vision for St. John's

Hopefully you have received in the mail or by email a copy of the Vision Paper issued on Pentecost Sunday. After engaging with over eighty people the paper presents four areas of ministry to guide and inform the decisions of vestries, corporations, and parish councils going into the 2030's. It is an exciting template to use as we dream about where God is calling us when we begin to emerge out of the pandemic.

There will be a Special Vestry held on Zoom on June 15 at 7pm to approve the four areas of ministry and the Statement of Intent. If you are not able to attend Vestry, you can always express your observations by contacting the Rector at 519-846-5911.

Pay it Forward

If you have received your vaccine, out of gratitude, you can help vulnerable people in other nations receive a vaccine by donating to the Vaccine Equity campaign through PWRDF. You can make a donation by calling Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail at 1-866-308.7973. You can also send a cheque to St John's marked "Vaccine Equity Fund" on the memo line.

Knitters and Quilters

Last Sunday we blessed fifteen shawls and afghans lovingly made by the Knitters and Quilters. Many of these will go to patients in palliative care at Michael Garron Hospital. If you would like information on the Knitters and Quilters ministry please contact Barb Dunsmore at 519-638-2146. The group meets every Wednesday on Zoom.

Sarah Bessey

Sarah Bessey is an author who is the guest speaker next month at the Diocesan Clergy and Licensed Lay Leaders Conference. The Bishop invites you to attend a public event with Sarah Bessey on Wednesday June 9, 7-9pm entitled "Evolving Faith: Cultivating Hope and Love in the Wilderness." You can register to attend the online event through the Diocese of Niagara website. Sarah will take us on the Emmaus Road to engage with suffering, grief, and joy that we might find a place of hope.

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