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*Sunday, July 25, 2021*

*11am*

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**11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)**

*This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines (effective July 16) of having no more than ten people on site.*

*We wish to acknowledge that we are on the land that, at time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony between two rivers.*

*At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.*

The love of God hath been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. *Romans 5.5*

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.**

### **Canticle Venite**

(sung by quartet)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

## **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS**

### **Ephesians 3.14-21**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Psalm 14** (sung by quartet)

The fool hath said in his heart,  
'There is no God.'

They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings;  
There is none that doeth good, no not one.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men,  
To see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable;  
There is none that doeth good, no not one.

Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief,  
Eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was;  
For God is in the generation of the righteous.

As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor;  
Because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

O that salvation for Israel were come out of Sion!  
When the Lord restoreth the fortunes of his people,

Then shall Jacob rejoice,  
And Israel shall be right glad.

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 6.1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

### **Jubilate**

H. Bancroft

O 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:  
it is 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.

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

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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.**

**Hymn 555 O God of Bethel**

*O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
Thy people still are fed,  
Who through this earthly pilgrimage  
Thy multitudes hast led*

*Through each perplexing path of life  
Our wandering footsteps guide  
Give us each day our daily bread  
And raiment fit provide*

*Our vows our prayers we now present  
Before thy throne of grace  
God of our forebears be the God  
Of their succeeding race.*

*O spread they covering wings around  
'Til all our wanderings cease  
And in the city of our God  
Our souls arrive in peace.*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem **The Temple of God**

H. Bancroft

*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?  
The temple of God is holy: which temple ye are.  
No man hath seen God at anytime.  
But if we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.  
God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

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** Récit de Nazard

L N Clérambault

*Flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in thanksgiving and celebration for Ian Rice's 80th birthday.*

Contact Elaine Dightam if you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for an anniversary, birthday or event.  
You can contact Elaine at 519-843-5091

### **About Today's Music**

Today we celebrate the music of H. Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988). Born in England, he spent most of his life as a highly esteemed organist in Winnipeg. He was instrumental in bringing the Nine Lessons and Carols service to Canada, and is the composer of one of St. John's favourite Advent hymns, "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying."

Reader	Thomas Littlewood
Quartet	Kate Wright, Heather Fleming, Jerome Chang, Alan Macdonald
Video Technician	Gerry Hill

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS JULY 25, 2021**

### **ST. JOHN'S POPPY PROJECT**

Thank you for your response so far! To help celebrate the centennial year of the Poppy as a symbol of remembrance and peace the Knitters and Quilters are inviting you to participate in a community project.

We are creating an outdoor art installation of knitted and crocheted poppies in October and November.

You can participate by:

- Knitting or crocheting some poppies. Some kits are available from the bin outside at the Parish Centre side porch. Or, you can pick up a copy of the pattern from the bin and provide your own red wool. The pattern is available in the Poppy Bin on the porch of the Parish Centre and on our website.
- Spread the word so other people can participate.
- Make a donation to help with the purchase of the wool.

Contact Barb Dunsmore at [gbdunsmore@gmail.com](mailto:gbdunsmore@gmail.com) or 519-638-2146 for more information.

We are aiming for 1,500 poppies! Please donate your poppies before September 30th.

### **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. The full text of the sermon is found on the home page of our website under "Current Sunday Service" each week.

### **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.

### **RE-OPENING**

The Bishop has issued new guidelines for ministry effective July 16h. We are hoping to be granted permission to re-open St. John's on August 1st for limited public attendance at a 9am service (outside weather permitting; bring your own lawn chairs) and a 11am service inside (with a quartet). Our diocesan guidelines require that inside people wear face masks and keep physical distance; and outside, if you cannot keep physical distance, face masks are required. Our re-opening will be slow and measured. To attend one of the services please pre-register online at our website, or call the office before Friday to indicate your intentions. All those in attendance are required to answer screening questions according to public health and diocesan guidelines.

We will continue to provide a live-stream of our service at 11:00am on the St John's Elora YouTube Channel.

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