



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

August 29, 2021  
11:00 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### 11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

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

*We all have a responsibility to gather safely.*

*According to Diocesan Guidelines (July 16) you can help with the following:*

*While indoors please keep your face mask on and keep a physical distance from people not in your household.*

*When outdoors you may remove your face mask as long as you can keep a 2m physical distance.*

*Please socialize outdoors.*

*There is no congregational singing; and tea, coffee or food will not be served.*

*The 11am liturgy is live-streamed to the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel.*

*There is no offertory hymn. You are encouraged to give your donation online electronically or using the "Offering Box" located at the church doors.*

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*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.*

**Mass Setting**    **Mass in C**

Charles Gounod

### **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Singers remain standing*

**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**

**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:** Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### **A READING FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON**

Song of Solomon 2.8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

**Psalms 45.1-2, 7-10** (said responsively)

My heart overfloweth with a good matter: I recite my verses for the king:  
**my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.**

Thou art fairer than the children of men;  
**full of grace are thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.**

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;  
**wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia;  
**out of ivory palaces stringed instruments make thee glad.**

Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women:  
**upon thy right hand doth stand the queen in a vesture of gold.**

Hearken, O daughter consider, and incline thine ear;  
**forget also thine own people and thy father's house.**

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.**

**GOSPEL**      **Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Reader:*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:*      The Holy Gospel is written in the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Mark beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 439 Blest are the Pure in Heart**

*Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.*

*Still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.*

*The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King.*

*Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.*

**HOMILY** Rev'd Judy Steers

### **Anthem Ave Verum Corpus**

Sir Edward Elgar

*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born,  
On the cross Thy sacred body for us all with nails was torn.  
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side;  
Feed us with Thy Body broken, now and in death's agony.  
O Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary.*

### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.*

*"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you: for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7.12*

### **INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with indigenous peoples of Canada. Let us pray for all who need our prayers today, and all who have died in the peace of Christ.

*Leader:* 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. Lord, in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* 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,

particularly Mary, our Governor General, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Linda, our Primate, and 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, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

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

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* 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. Lord in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

We offer these prayers from our hearts for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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**

*(Singers stand)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

*Singers:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

*Singers:* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

*Singers:* 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 gave 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.

*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**

*Singer 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**

**POSTLUDE** Flutes, from Suite du Deuxième Ton

L N Clérambault

***If you have any questions about your registration at a Sunday Service,  
please contact Thomas Littlewood  
at [reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com)***

*The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

*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*

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Singers

Video Technician

Greeters

Thomas Littlewood

Rebecca McKay, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Alan Macdonald

Rod Murray

Patricia Reimer and David Campbell

## **Announcements for August 29, 2021**

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to church “in-person”. Please keep a physical distance from people not in your household. Face masks are required at all time indoors, and when you cannot keep a physical distance of 2m outdoors.

For the purposes of screening and contact tracing it is important that you register each week online, or if you do not have a computer, please call the office before Friday.

If you have any questions about your registration you can contact Thomas Littlewood at [reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### **Poppy Project**

You can find patterns to make poppies on the homepage of our website, or on the “Poppy Project” bin on the Henderson Street porch of the Parish Centre.

Please return completed poppies to the Parish Centre before September 30th.

This project will help mark the centennial of the poppy with an outdoor art installation in November of knitted or crocheted poppies cascading from the church tower down to the lawns.

This is a community project approved by the Legion and the National Poppy Coordinator, so please invite friends to participate to help us exceed our goal of 1,500 poppies.

### **Pastoral Care**

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

### **Keeping in Touch**

Each week copies of the Order of Service and Sermon Text notes are mailed or hand delivered to a group of people who do not have access to a computer and may not be able to attend in-person services because of health restrictions. If you know of someone who needs to be included on this list please contact Susan Edwards through the office at 519-846-5911.

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