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*Sunday, August 22, 2021*

*11am*

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**11:00 am Choral Mattins (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.*

*Please greet one another and socialize outdoors.*

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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.*

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)

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 6.10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

### **Psalm 84 (sung)**

O how lovely are thy dwellings,  
**thou Lord of hosts!**

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
**even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;  
**they will be always praising thee.**

Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee,  
**in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;**

Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well;  
**yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.**

They go from strength to strength,  
**and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayers;  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold, O God, our shield,  
**and look upon the face of thine anointed.**

For one day in thy courts  
**is better than a thousand.**

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God,  
**than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and glory;  
**and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life.**

O Lord God of hosts,  
**blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.**

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 6.56-69**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come

to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

### **Jubilate**

Harold Darke

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those tings whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things, which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, 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 397 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vv 3,4,5)

*Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Thou on earth our Food, our Stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
Flee to Thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the singles  
Sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King Eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne;  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou ono earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.*

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.*

Homily Rev'd John Lockyer

Anthem **Awake, Awake, Put on Strength**

Alice Borton

*Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord.*

*Art thou not it that hath dried the sea, the water of the great deep,*

*that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?*

*Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion;*

*and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.*

*They shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.*

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 G minor**

J S Bach

***Please allow people closest to the door to exit first.***

***Please keep a physical distance from one another and greet one another outdoors.***

*Flowers are given to the glory of God  
in thanksgiving for Diana and John Spearns' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; also  
in loving memory of Barbara Gow for her tireless service and devotion to her parish.*

*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*

Reader	Dinah Bristowe
Greeters	Jane Rapp and Charlotte Logan
Singers	Lesley Bouza, Janelle Santi, Heather Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Matt Oxley
Video Technician	Steve Hornett



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 22, 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.

## Portage

We are grateful that Portage, which is a residential program for youth living with addiction challenges, has opened up so we can gather in-person for weekly Bible study with the residents. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact Dave Tinker.

## Holidays

Paul is on holidays until Labour Day. Judy will be on holidays August 19-24. Rev'd John Lockyer will provide pastoral coverage August 19-24, and officiate for Sunday services on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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