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Sunday, September 12, 2021

11am

*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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.

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 Te Deum in B-flat (sung)

C V Stanford

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF PROVERBS

Proverbs 1.20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Psalm 16.1-9 (sung by quintet)

Preserve me, O God,

for in thee have I put my trust.

I have said unto the Lord, 'Thou art my God:

I have no good apart from thee.'

All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth,
and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god
shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,
neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places:
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me counsel;
my heart also instructeth me in the night-season.

I have set the Lord always before me;
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

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 Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 by quintet.

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

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of our lives without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray

Percy Whitlock

*Jesu, grant me this, I pray, Ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide Hidden in thy wounded side.*

*If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

*If the flesh, more dangerous still, Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

*Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee:
Dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.*

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 Basse de Cromorne

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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 loving memory of Irene Nudyk who died one year ago,
the gift of her husband Walter.*

*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	Colleen and Rod Murray
Greeters	Ken and Susan Edwards
Singers	Kate Wright, Janelle Santi, Heather Fleming, Jerome Chang, Michael Cressman
Video Technician	Steve Hornett

ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 12, 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

Poppy Project

We have been overwhelmed by the response of the community to help us mark the centennial celebration of the Poppy this year as a symbol of peace and remembrance. So far we have received over 3,400 poppies! Well done!

We will be making arrangements to tie the knitted and crocheted poppies on to garden netting in the next week, and you are welcome to participate.

The concept will be to have a cascading river of poppies flowing out of the church tower, and perhaps other parts of our buildings, on to the lawn. This outdoor art exhibit, intended to mark the centennial of the poppy as a symbol of peace and remembrance, will be installed at the end of October to the middle of November at St. John's. There will be a special service with an Act of Remembrance on Sunday November 7th.

New Diocesan Policy on Vaccines

The Bishop has issued a new policy, effective September 9th, that requires all clergy, licensed lay workers, wardens, musicians, singers, readers, greeters, and those working with vulnerable populations (elderly, children, or those in food security) to have received the first dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine by September 30th and the second dose no later than October 31st.

The Bishop of Niagara has enacted this policy to increase the protection and safety of parishioners, clergy, employees and all whom we serve by reducing the transmission of COVID-19 in our ministry spaces.

Vaccination against COVID-19 helps reduce the number of new cases and severe outcomes, including hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19.

Anyone who is subject to a legal exemption from vaccination under the Human Rights Code shall provide reasonable proof of the same to Terry Deforest, Director of Human Resources.

The full policy is available on the Diocese of Niagara website, in the Parish Centre, and at the entrances to the church.

The Wardens will be announcing this week a parish coordinator for St. John's who will be visually checking the vaccination confirmation and recording the date and individual's names of lay staff and lay leaders for whom this policy applies at St. John's.

As we welcome all in the name of Christ, worshippers are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated out of care for the vulnerable among us, although this will not be required.

Walking in Right Relations - Orange Ribbon Initiative

To acknowledge the upcoming National Truth and Reconciliation Day at the end of September, Walking in Right Relations (a group of St John's parishioners dedicated to awareness, education and action around relations with Indigenous peoples in Canada) are hosting a community project.

Beginning this week, we are inviting members of our congregation and community to drop by the Parish Centre porch. There you will be able to find out about Truth and Reconciliation actions and to tie an orange cloth ribbon onto a tree branch to symbolize our communal lament at the continued discoveries of unmarked graves of children at the site of Indian Residential Schools.

The orange ribbons will stay on our trees until after Truth and Reconciliation Day.

These ribbons will also demonstrate our support for the Grand River Water Walkers, an initiative led by Indigenous communities to walk the length of the Grand River and back, beginning Sep 13. They will pass through Elora, and walk past our church some time this week.

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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