



Church of St. John the Evangelist
Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

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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.

We live on the traditional territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. We are people of the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldeman land grant.

As settlers and treaty people upon this land, we are grateful for their stewardship of this land, and we humbly seek to learn and live together in pursuit of justice and right relations.

Mass Setting Missa Brevis in F

Harold Darke

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: O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

A READING FROM THE THIRD CHAPTER OF THE LETTER OF JAMES BEGINNING AT THE 13TH VERSE

James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Psalm 1 (said responsively)

Blessed is the one that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side,
that bringeth forth his fruit in due season,

Whose leaf also doth not wither;
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them;
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous;
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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 9:30-37**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 9th chapter of the gospel according to Mark beginning at the 30th verse.

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

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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 505 Be Thou My Vision

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem **O Sacred Feast** Healey Willan
*O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received,
the memory of His passion is renewed in us,
our souls are filled with grace,
and the pledge of everlasting glory unto us. Alleluya.*

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 all those who will make up the new Parliament of Canada, 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

Singers 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 Praeludium in B-flat

Johann Kuhnau

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

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Barbara Gow.*

*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*

Readers	Jane Anne Murray
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue
Singers	Rebecca McKay, Audrey Coates, Christina Stelmacovich
	Quade Nielsen, Matt Oxley
Video Technician	Rod Murray
Greeters	Chris Rynberk, Doug Wilson

Announcements for September 19, 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

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.

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.

Order of Niagara

This afternoon we honour all those receiving the Order of Niagara from the Bishop at a special service on Zoom beginning at 4:00pm. The link was included in the weekly Pastoral Letter and you are welcome to join us. Among those being honoured are our own **Rod and Colleen Murray** and **Chris Houston**. Rod and Colleen have been key in providing all of our online liturgies, our Switcher Studio for live-streaming, and all of our social media presence. Without their commitment we would not have flourished as much as we have. Colleen has served on the Vision Team, and both have served on Parish Council and in the Volunteer Choir. In addition, before coming to St. John's in December 2017, Rod and Colleen served in many roles at St. Jude's in Oakville. Chris has been instrumental in helping the Bishop establish the Niagara School of Missional Leadership, which launches online courses for lay and ordained leaders this month. You are welcome to participate in any of the courses. Congratulations Chris, Rod and Colleen. We are grateful for your presence in our community of faith and in the diocese.

New Regional Dean

After an election by peers this week, our Rector was appointed by the Bishop as the new Regional Dean for the deanery of Greater Wellington. This role includes chairing monthly meetings of the clergy and supporting the clergy in the parishes of Guelph, Fergus, Rockwood, Orangeville, Erin, Mount Forrest, Arthur, Acton and Palmerston, as well as reporting to the Bishop on their welfare and participating in Inductions. Pray for Paul in his new responsibility and role.

Poppy Project

This week our count of poppies puts it close to 4,700! Thank you.

Arrangements to tie the knitted and crocheted poppies on to garden netting will be available soon, and you are welcome to participate.

We will have two cascading rivers 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.

Jeff Ostic or Linda Coultes will be in touch with you if you are a Greeter, Reader, Altar Guild member or have another leadership role at St. John's or at Drayton. They simply need to visually check your vaccination receipt and record the date and your name.

The Bishop of Niagara has enacted this policy to increase the protection and safety of 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.

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.

Ordinations

By the grace of God, the Bishop will ordain Rob Duncan, Matt Gillard, Rob Jones and Randy Williams to the order of a Deacon, and the Rev Michael Coren to the order of a Priest in the church on Sunday September 26th. Pray for them as they prepare for this event. All are welcome to participate in the service on the Diocese of Niagara Facebook page on Sunday September 26th at 4:00pm.

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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