



The Holy Trinity

Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

September 27, 2020

Holy Communion for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)**Mass Setting Missa Brevis in C**

Charles Gounod

*Notes about your participation in this liturgy:**We ask that you wear face masks throughout the liturgy, refrain from congregational singing, and keep your physical distance.**A public washroom is available in the narthex for your use.**Our purpose is to provide a liturgical experience where you feel safe, develop a connection with others, and gain a sense of being spiritually grounded.**This liturgy is being video recorded to allow people who are participating online from their homes to feel connected to the Body of Christ expressed in this gathering.**All of our guidelines, approved by the diocese, are in place to express our care and commitment to one another.**If you have any questions, please ask one of the Sidespeople.**Thank you for your co-operation.***PRELUDE****THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, it 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.**

Quartet: Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT FOR SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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.**

READINGS

Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16

(said responsively by verse)

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Gospel

Matthew 21.23-32

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 21st chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 23rd verse.

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

Reader: When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Here ends the gospel.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: **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.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Thank you for your generous commitment to support the ongoing ministry of St. John's.

You can continue to give gifts which are offered to the glory of God through E-transfer at

treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com; online at www.niagaraanglican.ca/donate; through the mail slot of the Parish Centre door; or you can place your gift in the Offering Box before you exit the building.

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vow unto the Most High. (Psalm 50:4)

While the gifts for Holy Communion are being prepared on the altar to offer to the glory of God, an Organ Voluntary will be played.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our all who proclaim the gospel in this community, our diocese and around the world.

Let us remember before God all of our loved ones who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

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, 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 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, and specially to this

congregation here present and all those gathered together with us online, 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 their life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And 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.**

Leader: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People: **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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Quartet: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Quartet: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Quartet: 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 all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Quartet: 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 that 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.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

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, 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.

Quartet Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

Please stay in your seat as a member of the clergy will bring the sacrament to you. If you prefer not to receive the sacrament, you are invited to cross your hands over your chest to indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

When the priest offers you the sacrament, please wait until the clergy is beyond your two meter physical distance, remove your face mask, and consume the host (bread).

The sacrament is offered in one kind only.

The Celebrant partakes of the chalice on behalf of the entire community, gathered in person and online.

Anthem *(Quartet)* *O Come Everyone that Thirsteth*

Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.
 OUR Father

All: **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 *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C*

Dietrich Buxtehude

***We ask that you remain in your seats and wait
for a Sidesperson to signal to you that is safe to exit the building.
In order to maintain safe physical distance
it is important to follow the direction of the Sidesperson.
Please exit the building through the west door
on Henderson Street (accessible doors).***

*Thank you for participating
in the second In-Person Liturgy at St. John's
since the Second Sunday in Lent.*

*We trust that through your participation
you feel safe, you develop a connection with others,
and you are spiritually and emotionally grounded.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Veronica Punnett;
and in thanksgiving for Max and Maureen MacIntyre's fourth great-granddaughter,
Hannah Grace Kaitipis, born on September 17th*

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You can call any one of us at 519-846-5911.

Sidespeople	Barbara Gow, Chris Rynberk, Doug Wilson
Reader	Susan Edwards
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Quartet	Christina Stelmacovich, Janelle Santi, Quade Nielsen, Luke MacLean

Announcements for September 27, 2020

Harvest Thanksgiving Flowers

To help us celebrate all that we are grateful for, if you would like flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone, please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com 519-843-5091.

Join Us

You are invited to join in the Coffee Hour today at 1:30 on Zoom. Please ask one of the clergy for the link.

Registering to Attend an In-Person Liturgy:

In-person gatherings for worship are subject to change depending on diocesan, public health, and provincial guidelines.

To help us with planning, screening, and contact tracing, please register for next Sunday's In-Person Liturgy through the online registration on our website www.stjohnselora.ca.

Online Pre-Registration is available each week on Sunday evening at 6:00p.m. until Friday evening at 9:00p.m. Because of the need to satisfy the screening questions, you cannot register several weeks in advance.

Here are some areas in the registration that people stumble over:

1. Enter your name once in the "Name" field. The other fields are available for you to enter the names of additional people attending from your social bubble.
2. Be sure to check the box "*I am not a robot*".
3. Monitor your junk mail inbox for the confirmation email from noreply@datariverhosting.com.

If you have any questions about your reservation, please call the Parish Office or email your enquiry to reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com.

For people who do not have access to the internet, there are a limited number of places reserved through telephone registration at the Parish number. These spots are released for online registration on Wednesday at 12 noon each week.

We are limited to a capacity of 50 people in the building including clergy, singers, organist, sidespeople, recording technician, and server.

If guidelines require us to cancel or revise, we will inform you.

Thank you for your patience as we are moving slowly to keep you safe, connected with one another, and spiritually grounded.

St. John's Liturgy Online

Last Sunday 155 people participated in the service online.

The St. John's Elora YouTube Channel presently has 140 subscribers. Since March 15 our channel has had over 12,300 views. We have learned the significance of keeping people connected from their homes, whether that be because of a pandemic, or because of their physical limitations.

While in-person liturgies resume for a limited capacity, we are committed to maintain our online presence. The Sunday liturgy will be live-streamed and available on our YouTube Channel and Facebook. A mid-week liturgy will be offered on Wednesdays, alternating between Morning and Evening Prayer each week.

Many thanks to Rod and Colleen Murray, and Steve Hornett who have done an outstanding job in helping provide our online liturgies.

COVID-19 Resource Hub

Guidelines and protocols change. You can follow the most recent guidelines for the Diocese of Niagara at www.niagaraanglican.ca. Look for COVID-19 Resource Hub on the home page.

Season of Creation

The Anglican Church of Canada has identified this period until Harvest Thanksgiving as a Season of Creation. One of our baptismal promises is to "strive to safeguard the the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth."

Dr. Dianne Saxe is one of Canada's most respected environmental lawyers, with over 40 years of experience, including serving as Ontario's Environmental Commissioner (2015-2019). You are invited to an evening with Dr. Saxe on Wednesday October 14, 7-8:30pm. This will be an online event exploring how you and faith communities can respond to the climate crisis. To register visit www.eventbrite.ca/e/creation-care-that-counts-with-dr-dianne-saxe-tickets-120811589717