



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

September 4, 2022

11:00 am

*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Prayer books are available on the shelf in the transept aisle if you wish to use one.

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

Face masks are strongly recommended to be worn indoors at services at St. John's.

Hearing Assist devices are available at the back of the church.

This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's Elora YouTube.

St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldimand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty; all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.

Mass Setting Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan

Processional Hymn 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

*1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.*

*3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die upon a cross,
on Calvary's hill.*

*2. Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your
weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.*

*4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home and lead to victory
o'er the grave.*

*5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

(congregation may be seated or kneel)

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 (soloist)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

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(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Celebrant: 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 things 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.

People: **Amen.**

Reading Jeremiah 18.1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against

you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18 (*plainchant*)

O Lord, that hast searched me out and known me:

thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts from afar.

Thou art about my path and about my bed, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

For thou didst form my inward parts; thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

My frame was not hid from thee, when I was made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book were all of them written,

Even the days that were planned for me, when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee.

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 14th chapter of the gospel according to Luke beginning at the 25th verse.

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

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of Christ.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN 435 Take My Life, and Let it Be

An offertory plate will be passed during this hymn to receive donations to support the ministry of St. John's.

*1. Take my life, and let it
be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.*

*5. Take my love, my Lord,
I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

*3. Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect,
and use every power as thou shalt choose.*

*4. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

ANTHEM Whatever is True

*Whatever is true, or worthy of honour, think about these things.
Whatever is just, whatever is pure, think about these things.
Whatever is lovely, whatever is graceful,
If there is any excellence or anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
What you have learned and received,
And heard and seen in God's servants, do,
And the God of peace will be with you.*

Andrew Donaldson

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Offertory the Celebrant prepares the elements for Communion.

“Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.”

Psalms 119.135

PRAYERS

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.

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.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, 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, that, with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

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

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.

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. **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;

All: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: 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:

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 give 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 the 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, 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.

Soloist: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

You are invited to receive communion from the communion rail at the altar. If mobility challenges prevent you from navigating the chancel steps safely, the clergy will bring the sacrament to you. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you are invited to touch the base of the chalice while you hear the words of administration.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*1. 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.*

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

*3. 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?*

*4. 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.*

POSTLUDE

Flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ron Watkins,
the gift of his daughters, Linda and Debora;
also remembering the birthday of our Dad today, John Richard Murray,
September 4th, 1924 – November 3rd, 2020
the gift of Jane Anne Murray and Rod Murray (Colleen)

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| Soloist | Rebecca McKay |
| Readers | Chris Houston, Jean Houston |
| Altar Guild | Thomas Littlewood, Susan Hirst |
| Technician | Rod Murray |

Announcements for September 4, 2022

This Week at St. John's

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| Tuesday | 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters 10:00 a.m. Communion Service |
| Thursday | 11:00 a.m. Service at Wellington Terrace 7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday | 11:00 a.m. Service at Heritage River |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) 11:00 a.m. Choral Matins with Parish Choir |

BOOK

Join us this fall as we discuss Brian McLaren's *"Do I Stay Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned."* This is a great opportunity to ask and explore all those questions about faith, the church, that you have always been curious about, but wondered if it was ok to ask. This book group will meet three times starting in early October (day to be determined). Pick up the book for summer reading. You can order the book online. If you have questions, please contact book group co-leader Jon Warland at [jon.warland\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:jon.warland@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 519-846-5911. **NEWS: If you don't want to purchase the book, but would like to borrow one to read, there are two copies of the book now available at the Parish Centre as 'loaners'. Please let Jon or Paul know if you would like to borrow one.**

Weekly Pastoral Letters

Each Saturday the Rector typically sends a pastoral Letter with a brief reflection and some new and items about parish life. If you would like to receive this letter by email, please email the Rector at rectorstjohnselora@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsals

Volunteer Choir rehearsals resume this Tuesday, 5:30 to 6 p.m. If you would like to join this choir please speak to Jurgen. The Volunteer Choir sings every other week at 9 a.m. starting next Sunday. Parish Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday. The Parish choir returns next Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Live-streaming of 11am Service

Today we resume live-streaming the 11am liturgy on the St. John's You Tube channel. We are needing to expand the membership of our Live-Stream Team on Sundays. Presently, next Sunday all the members of our live-stream tech team are away. If you are interested to be trained in this ministry to help in the fall, please let Rod Murray know.

Evensong and Thank You to Rev'd Judy

Sunday September 25, 4:00 p.m. there will be a special Choral Evensong to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels and to give thanks for Rev'd Judy Steers' time with us as Assistant Curate. Judy has been with us since October 2019. On September 1st Judy's appointment as Assistant Curate at St. John's concluded as she began a new full time role as Chaplain at St. John's Kilmarnock School in Breslau. The Bishop has appointed Judy as an Honorary Assistant at St. John's Elora, so we will continue to see her occasionally.

If you would like to contribute towards a thank you gift for Judy, please mark your gift, "Curate's Gift". This donation cannot be recognized as a charitable gift.

Season of Creation

Since 2019 every year in the Anglican Church of Canada we are invited to join churches around the world in the month of September leading up to Harvest Thanksgiving to be intentional about prayer, education, and action around climate, the environment and creation. One of our baptismal promises is to "safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth." What can you do this week to renew the life of the earth? What can we do as a parish?

Niagara School of Missional Leadership

There are some inspiring courses offered this fall from the Niagara School of Missional Leadership. To learn about what is available and to register, visit niagaraschoolformissionalleadership.ca. Think about "Christian Foundations: From Abraham to Jesus" (September 12 to October 17) or "Engagin the Community: Revitalizing the Church" (October 13-November 17). These are two courses of seven offered this fall. Contact the Rector if you think you might be interested.

Community Meal Outreach

On the second and fourth Tuesday of the month St. John's provides kitchen space for a hot meal to be prepared and then at the Elora Centre for the Arts. We are looking for some people to drive some of the guests to the Elora Centre for the Arts so they an participate in this community meal. All pandemic guidelines (self-assessment, face masks, ventilation) are followed. If you are interested to learn more contact Ian Hornsby at ihornsby0@gmail.com.

Poppy Project

Poppy kits are available from the bin on the porch of the Parish Centre. Contact Barb Dunsmore for more information or come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday at 9:30am.

Taking the Next Step

If you are interested to take the next step towards reconciliation, the Rector and Guinevere Kern invite you to join them to read through the TRC 94 Calls to Action in-person in the Parish Centre in the fall. Please let Paul know of your interest and availability. We will meet weekly for about 5-6 weeks.

Supporting St. John's

For Offering Envelopes please contact Steve Hornett through the Parish Office. Pre-Authorized Giving Forms are available at the back of the church. You can make an E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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