



*Church of St. John the Evangelist
Elora, Ontario*

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Sunday, October 10, 2021

11am

Harvest Thanksgiving

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 (September 30)

Keep your face mask on, keep a 2m distance with people from other households.

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.

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 Haldemand 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.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. – *Psalms 126.6*

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.

(you may kneel or sit for prayer)

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 by choir.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

Singers: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

Singers: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Singers: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

Singers: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Canticle **Harvest Sentences** *(sung by choir, congregation may be seated)* Healey Willan
*O Lord, how manifold are thy works;
in wisdom hast Thou made them all,
the earth is full of thy riches.
Thou visitest the earth and blesses it:
thou makest it very plenteous.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOEL

Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil;

 be glad and rejoice,

 for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,

 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad

 and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 126 (sung by choir)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Sion,
then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord hath done great things for them.'

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already;
whereof we rejoice.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
as the rivers in the South.

They that sow in tears
shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed,
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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 Matthew 6.25-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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 choir.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Singers: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

(congregation is invited to kneel or sit)

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Singers: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Singers: **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;

Singers: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

Singers: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Singers: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Singers: **And bless thine inheritance.**
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Singers: **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Singers: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

O Almighty and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and has given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season: Give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly thank thee for all thy loving-kindness, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; 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 342 We Praise You, O God

(hymn is sung by choir, congregation is invited to stand)

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest companion and guide.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.*

*With voices united, our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sing now confessing, we pray for your blessing.
To you, our great redeemer, forever by praise!*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem The Lord Hath Been Mindful of Us

S.S. Wesley

*The Lord hath been mindful of us, and He shall bless us:
He shall bless the house of Israel, He shall bless the house of Aaron.
He shall bless them that fer the Lord both small and great.
Ye are the blessed of the Lord, you and your children.
Ye are the blessed of the Lord who made heaven and earth.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

(you may kneel or sit for the prayers)

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 **Marche Triomphale on Now Thank We All our God**

Siegfried Karg-Elert

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 Bill, brother of Norman and Christine, niece of Heather, the gift of Norman and Heather Morris; in loving memory of Ned Hanson, the gift of his wife Elizabeth; and in loving memory of my parents Frank and Isabell Anderson and my husband John Dightam, the gift of Elaine.

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 Mark Haslett, Jane Houlding

Greeters Jane Rapp, Charlotte Logan

Singers Kate Wright, Audrey Coates, Lesley Bouza, Emily Petrenko

Quade Nielson, Lanny Fleming, Luke MacLean, Michael Cressman

Video Technician Gerry Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 10, 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**, before Saturday at 9pm, 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

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.

More Singers!

Welcome back to more members of the Parish Choir at the 11am service today. Our new guidelines (September 30) allow us to accommodate eight singers this morning, physically distanced. While we still have no congregational singing, it is such a joy to hear the sound of the Parish Choir in our worship today for Harvest Thanksgiving.

Poppy Project

We have received close to 7,000 poppies!

To participate in attaching poppies to garden netting please contact Barb Dunsmore at gbdunsmore@gmail.com or by telephone at 519-846-5911.

We have three shifts on Thursday and one shift on Sunday afternoon.

We have also prepared some kits for you to take home if you wish to work on a project at home.

The outdoor art installation will be at St. John’s between October 25 to November 14.

There will be a special service with Act of Remembrance on Sunday November 7th, 11am. PLEASE REGISTER that week if you plan to attend.

Christmas Puddings

We are taking orders for St. John's Christmas Puddings. We ask that when you place an order you also pre-pay \$20 for each pudding. You are invited to consider a further donation to support this labour of love, which is carried out with great care according to Diocesan guidelines. There is a gluten free option available.

You can pay through E-transfer at treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com or by cheque to St. John's, but please contact Pam Gradwell at pamgradwell231@gmail.com or Clare Johnston at clarejohnston21@gmail.com to place your order. You can also contact them at 519-846-5911. **Identify "PUDDINGS" on the memo line of your cheque or in the E-transfer description box.**

We are making a limited production of 100 puddings, so order early to avoid disappointment. If you have cans 28 oz or 14 oz size (796 ml or 398ml), you can deliver them (washed and without labels) to the Parish Centre before October 24th.

Proceeds go to the Knitters and Quilters Group. In the past this has helped fund the Poppy Project, stained glass repairs, altar flower vases, altar linens, and other projects around the church.

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