



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

October 2, 2022

11:00 am

*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hymn books, prayer books and hearing assist devices
are available at the back of the church.*

Face masks are recommended when indoors at St. John's.

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

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 Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode

Charles Wood

Processional Hymn 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix 160

*1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies*

*3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Refrain*

*Refrain:
Christ, our God, to you we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.*

*2. For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Refrain*

*4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Refrain*

*5. For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
grace human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
Refrain*

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 (choir)

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

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glorify 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: 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.**

Reading Lamentations 1.1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor.

She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the Lord has made her suffer for

the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture;
they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Psalm 137 (*plainchant*)

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion.
As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein.
For there they that led us away captive required of us a song, and they that plundered us a melody:
'Sing us one of the songs of Sion.'
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth;
yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 17th chapter of the gospel according to Luke beginning at the 5th verse.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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.

ANTHEM Love Bade Me Welcome

David Hurd

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.*

*But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.*

*"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he."*

*"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee."*

*Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"*

*"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my
shame*

Go where it doth deserve."

*"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the
blame?"*

"My dear, then I will serve."

*"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my
meat."*

So I did sit and eat.

—George Herbert

HOMILY Rev'd John Lockyer

OFFERTORY HYMN 424 Sing Praise to God

The Vicar of Bray

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

*1. Sing praise to God on mountain tops and in
earth's lowest places, from blue lagoon to polar
waste, from ocean to oasis.*

*No random rock produced this world, but God's
own will and wonder.*

*Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing and clouds
concur with thunder.*

*2. Sing praise to God where grasses grow and
flowers display their beauty,
where nature weaves her myriad web through
love as much as duty.*

*The seasons in their cycle speak of earth's
complete provision.*

*Let nothing mock inherent good,
nor treat it with derision.*

*3. Sing praise to God where fishes swim
and birds fly in formation,*

where animals of every kind diversify creation.

*All life that finds its home on earth
is meant to be respected.*

*Let nothing threaten, for base ends,
what God through grace perfected.*

*4. Sing praise to God where human kind
its majesty embraces,*

*where different races, creeds and tongues
distinguish different faces.*

*God's image in each child of earth shall never
pale or perish.*

*So treat with love each human soul,
and thus God's goodness cherish.*

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.”

Psalm 119.135

PRAYERS

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch those who are living with illness, trouble or distress.... (especially....)..... that they might be strengthened in their minds and bodies.

Hear us, O Christ.

Receive those who have died in the peace of Christ..... and console those who mourn.... Help us to live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life; through the love of thy Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

(Adapted from a Litany of Healing and Restoration of our Church, Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017)

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.**

Choir: 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.

Communion Motet: Super flumina Babylonis

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

*1. Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise;
field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

Choir	Audrey Coates, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Michael Cressman, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Pam Gradwell, Judy Bates
Greeters	Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Chalice Bearer	Ken Reid
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Pam Gradwell
Technician	Gerry Hill

Flowers are to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for Felicia Gow and Daniel Skripkariuk
who committed themselves to each other in marriage yesterday.

Pastoral Letter

To receive a weekly email letter from the Rector with news of upcoming parish events and a reflection, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10am to 12 noon.

Celebration of Ministry - TODAY at 4pm

Today at the Cathedral you are invited to a special service at the Cathedral as the Bishop installs the new Dean and new Honorary Canons (including our Rector who was appointed an Honorary Canon at Synod in November 2020). The service begins at 4:00pm. It is also live-streamed on the Diocese of Niagara YouTube Channel.

Service of Compline Tuesday October 4, 8:00 p.m.

Drawing on traditional plainchant and Renaissance choral music, this service is almost entirely sung from beginning to end, creating a space of quiet contemplation for the end of the day. **Compline will be offered from 8-8:30pm on Tuesdays October 4, November 8, and December 6.**

Volunteer singers are welcome to join section leaders from the Parish Choir to sing this service. All singers will gather at 6:30pm to rehearse for an 8pm service. Singers are asked to RSVP; music will be made available in advance, and there is no need to commit to all Compline services throughout the year. Strong music reading is an asset, and an interest in learning about Renaissance music is a plus.

If are interested in singing in one or more Compline services this year, please contact Patrick at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com All are welcome to attend the service.

Flowers for Harvest Thanksgiving

If you would like to give flowers at Thanksgiving in memory of loved ones, please contact Elaine Dightam.

Parish Retreat Day

Saturday October 22, 10-3, at St John's Kilmarnock School. Archbishop Colin Johnson, retired bishop from the Diocese of Toronto and now appointed Assistant Bishop (part time) in the Diocese of Niagara, is our speaker. This is an important parish event in our annual calendar that we haven't had since 2019, so make an effort to attend.

Service of Confirmation and Reaffirmation - Sunday October 16, 4pm at the Cathedral.

Evensong - Sunday October 30 at 4pm

Celebrate the Feast of All Saints with a special commemoration for the life and witness of Queen Elizabeth II.

Act of Remembrance - Sunday November 13

Pray for peace and participate in an act of Remembrance with our special Poppy Project installation.

Poppy Project

So far we have received almost 3,000 additional poppies. Sunday October 23 will be the date for installing the poppy project this year. Come to the Knitters and Social on Wednesday at 9:30 to help us attach poppies to netting. The poppies will be on display October 24 to November 14.

Contact Thomas Littlewood if you can be a host for one hour on the three weekends that the poppies are up. Hosts welcome visitors and guests to St. John's. Sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

This year the project marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Col John McCrae.

Book Group

Brian McLaren's book, "Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, The Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" will be discussed in October over three sessions. There are two books available for loan, or you can order it online.

Contact Jon Warland or the Rector for more information.

Calls to Action Reading Group

We are planning to gather in October on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening to read through and reflect on the 94 Calls to Action. Please contact Guinevere Kern for more information through the Parish Office.

Christmas Puddings

Traditional Christmas puddings are for sale. Orders can be placed with Clare Johnston and Pam Gradwell. \$20 for regular and \$10 for small. Gluten free option is available. Please pay when you place your order. They will be made on October 13 and 14.

Supporting St. John's

Support St. John's financially through: a box of weekly Offering Envelopes; a monthly gift through Preauthorized Giving (PAG) - forms are available at the back of the church or on the website. Contact Steve Hornett for more information about giving to St. John's.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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