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Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

November 7, 2021

11:00 am

Octave of All Souls with Act of Remembrance

11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

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

We all have a responsibility to gather safely.

According to Diocesan Guidelines (November 1)

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

Single seats are available in the middle of pews. Seats for couples are available at the end of alternate pews. Congregational singing is allowed, softly with face masks on.

Please socialize outdoors.

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.

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.

Act of Remembrance

Last Post, Silence, Reveille (Larry Larson, trumpet)

In Remembrance (Douglas Guest)

O Canada

Mass Setting Excerpts from the Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW (congregation can kneel or sit for prayer)

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.

COLLECT

Celebrant: O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 4 BEGINNING AT THE 7TH VERSE

2 Corinthians 4.7-12, 16-18

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Psalm 116.1-8 (said responsively)

My delight is in the Lord,
because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

Because he hath inclined his ear unto my,
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The cords of death compassed me round about,
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul."

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple;

I was in misery and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul;

for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death,

mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

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.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL John 11.21-27

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 21st verse.

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

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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 275 O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be (vv 1,4,5,6)

*O what their joy and their glory must be,
those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see:
crowns for the valiant, to weary ones, rest;
God shall be all and in all ever blest.*

*Now in the meantime, with hearts raised on high,
we for that country must yearn and must sigh,
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,
through our long exile on Babylon's strand.*

*There, where no trouble distraction can bring,
we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing,
while for thy grace, Lord their voices of praise
thy blessed people eternally raise.*

*Low before God with our praises we fall,
of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all:
praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
praise to the Spirit, with them ever one.*

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem In Paradisum

Gabriel Fauré

*In paradise may you be received by a chorus of angels,
and attended by all the blessed martyr throng,
your pathway guided into the holy city, Jerusalem;
and with Lazarus, once a beggar, now comforted by Abraham, be your eternal rest.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

"I am the resurrection and I am life, saith the Lord, whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. - John 11.25,26

INTERCESSIONS (You may kneel or sit for prayer)

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, 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

(Choir stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Choir: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Choir: 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.

Who in the multitude of thy Saints hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir 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.

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**

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.

As you are able,
you are invited to follow the Crucifer, choir and clergy
outside for the conclusion of the service.
Please allow people closest the doors
to exit first and keep physical distance.

**Prayers for Peace and Members of the Canadian Forces
Blessing**

Hymn O God our Help in Ages Past (vv 1,5,6)

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.*

*Time like an ever-rolling stream
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

***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 and in loving memory of Jim Pernfuss,
the gift of his wife Louise and family;
and in loving memory of Michael Blair, the gift of his mother, Gwyneth Watkins;
and in loving memory of John Murray, a veteran who served in the navy.*

*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	Colin Fox, Sue Bovell
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Altar Guild	Mardy Langford and Wendy Donohue
Trumpeter	Larry Larson
Choir	Lesley Bouza, Janelle Santi, Christina Stelmacovich, Emily Petrenko, Lanny Fleming, Jerome Chang, Alan Macdonald, Michael Cressman
Video Technician	Rod Murray
Greeters	Meg and James Prichard

Announcements for November 7, 2021

Welcome to Patrick Murray

Today we are delighted to welcome our new Director of Music, Dr. Patrick Murray, on his first Sunday with us at St John's. Please extend your warm welcome to Patrick and offer your continued support for the choral program at St. John's. You can reach Patrick at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com. A copy of the Announcement with Patrick's background and experience is available at the back of the church.

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

Christmas Puddings

Pam Gradwell is attending the 11:00am service today take your orders for Christmas Puddings. You can also contact Pam by email at pamgradwell231@gmail.com or 519-846-5911. Puddings are \$20 each. Gluten free options are available.

Poppy Project 2021

We have been overwhelmed by the community engagement with the installation of the Poppy Project. Hopefully you saw the news coverage in many of the local media outlets including CTV Kitchener News, the Wellington Advertiser, Niagara Anglican, and Elora-Fergus Today. There is a limited number of knitted poppies with lapel pins available at the back of the church. If you take one, please support the work of the Legion with a donation in the Poppy Box.

Weekend Hosts at St. John's

We have been pleased to welcome many guests and visitors viewing the Poppy Project inside the church for the past two weekends. If you would like to serve as a Host for a one hour shift next weekend, please contact the Rector. Hosts engage with people outside, invite them inside, offer them information brochures on St. John's, answer questions, and generally be a presence of hospitality. All of this is in compliance with Diocesan guidelines.

New Guidelines

The Bishop has issued new guidelines (effective November 1) that allow for congregational singing (quietly behind face masks); more access to church buildings; indoor mid week social gatherings as long as no food or beverage is served; easing some liturgical guidelines premised on contact transmission. A copy of the guidelines is available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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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