

# HOPE



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*Sunday, November 28, 2021*

*11am*

*First Sunday of Advent*

## 11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

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

*According to Diocesan Guidelines (November 1)*

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

*Congregational singing is allowed, softly with face masks on.*

*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.*

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*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.*

*"Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

– Luke 21.28

### **Opening Hymn 88 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.*

*Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a King;  
born to reign in us for ever:  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

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.*

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

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

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

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

*(Congregation is invited to stand)*

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

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

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

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

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**Canticle Jubilate Collegium Regale**

(Herbert Howells)

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;*

*serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:*

*it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and into his courts with praise.*

*be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

## **FIRST READING**

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **Psalm 25.1-10** (sung by choir)

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul;  
my God, I have put my trust in thee.

O let me not be confounded,  
neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;  
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Show me thy ways, O Lord,  
and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me;  
for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee is my hope all day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies,  
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth;  
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord;  
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement;  
and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth,  
unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

## SECOND READING

### Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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.*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

*(congregation is invited to kneel or sit)*

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **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;

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

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

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

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
Minister: O Lord, save thy people;  
All: **And bless thine inheritance.**  
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
All: **And evermore mightily defend us.**  
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

#### Collect for the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **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 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vv 1,4)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From every foe deliver them  
that trust your mighty power  
to save and give them victory o'er the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

**Homily** Rev'd Judy Steers

**Anthem** **How Lovely are the Messengers**

Felix Mendelssohn

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

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 **Come Thou Saviour of the Gentiles**

J S Bach

***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 and in loving memory of Donald M'Timkulu,  
the gift of his wife Doris.*

*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*

Reader Jerome Chang, Clare Johnston

Greeters

Singers Janelle Santi, Rebecca McKay, Emily Petrenko, Rachel Barreca,  
Jerome Chang, Quade Nielsen, Luke MacLean, Matt Oxley

Video Technician Gerry Hill

Flower Guild Doris M'Timkulu

# ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 28, 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.

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](mailto: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.

## Advent Lessons and Carols and Christmas Services:

If you haven't yet registered, please check with Thomas to see if there is room for you to attend the services of Advent Lessons and Carols (4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) today. The 4:00 p.m. service is live-streamed on the St. John's YouTube Channel.

Registration for all of the Christmas Services will be open on December 12th. Register early if you want to attend in-person to any of the Christmas liturgies.

## Craig Love's Ordination

We uphold Craig Love in our prayers as he is ordained to the work of a Deacon on Tuesday at St. Paul's Cathedral in London Ontario.

## Christmas Puddings

Contact Pam Gradwell if you would like a Christmas Pudding.

## Food Bank

The Centre Wellington Food Bank is in need of food items. You can bring non-perishable food items to the hamper in the church, or deliver them directly to the Food Bank at 105 Queen Street West in Fergus.

## Church Calendars

Canadian Church Calendars for \$5.00 and Anglican Church Calendars for \$10.00 are available at the back of the church and in the Parish Centre. Place your money in the “Offering Box” at either entrance to the church.

## From the Treasurer and Wardens

Extract from accounts for the ten months to 31st October 2021:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income - Offerings	154,761	179,000
Choir	44,739	50,000
Wage subsidy	22,171	6,000
Facilities hire	2,100	1,800
Other	771	400
Invest Fund	<u>96,583</u>	<u>96,580</u>
TOTAL	321,125	333,780

As you can see, our income is running below budget, which is typical for this time of year. However, expenses are also well below budget and we are in good financial standing. You are invited to support the ministry of St. John's through [E-transfer](#) or by bringing your gift to the church. Thank you for your generosity. - *Peter Barr, Diana Spearn, Pam Gradwell, Jeff Ostic, Wardens; Andrew Hirst, Treasurer*

## Offering Envelopes

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you do not see your box there or you would like to get a box of Offering Envelopes, please contact Steve Hornett at [givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or call him at 519-846-5911.

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