



Church of St. John the Evangelist
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Sunday, November 15, 2020
11am

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome and Announcements

Quartet and clergy enter.

Stand as you are able.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

- *Psalm 96. 9.*

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.

Kneel as you are able.

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 one, 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 said by the congregation.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

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

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

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

Stand as you are able.

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

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

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

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

Congregation may be seated.

Venite, Exultemus Domino - Psalm 95 - Quartet

Come, let us sing unto the Lord: / let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Psalm 123

(said responsively)

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, /

O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, /

and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress,

Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, /

until he have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us; /

for we are utterly despised.

Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, /

and with the spitefulness of the proud.

Second Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Jubilate - Psalm 100 - Quartet

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; / 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.

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.

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 said by the congregation.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Kneel as you are able.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Minister: 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;

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

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

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

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

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

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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.**

Congregation may be seated.

Hymn sung by Quartet Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Sermon Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem **Verleih uns Frieden** Mendelssohn

*Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord
O Source of ev'ry blessing!
We cannot keep Thy saving Word
Unless Thy peace possessing.
Thy peace O give
By which we live.*

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

Kneel as you are able.

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.**

All: **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Postlude *Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Coultres,
the gift of his wife, Linda

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Sidespeople	Ian Rice, Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Readers	Chris Rynberk, Bob Cooper
Quartet	Dayna Lamothe, Heather Fleming, Jerome Chang, Matt Oxley
Video Technicians	Rod Murray, Steve Hornett

We ask that you remain in your seats and wait
for a Sidesperson to signal to you that is safe to exit the building.
In order to maintain safe physical distance
it is important to follow the direction of the Sidesperson.
Please exit the building through the south door
on Henderson Street (accessible doors).

ANOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Attending In-Person

Every Friday afternoon the Reopening Team meets to review the past Sunday, suggest any changes to help us gather safely, and prepare for the next Sunday. If you register EARLY in the week, that helps in our planning for Sunday. You can register online before Friday; or by telephone before Wednesday.

Coffee Time

You are invited to join in the Coffee Hour today at 1:30 on Zoom. Please ask one of the clergy for the link.

Today's Service

Today's 11am service is livestreamed to the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel and posted on Facebook. The Order of Service, the full text of the Sermon, and a link to the video are posted on our website under "Current Sunday Service."

St. John's Liturgy Online

Look for a mid week liturgy every Wednesday, alternating between Morning and Evening Prayer, and a selection of liturgical or sacred music called "**Choral Thursday**" prepared by John, Jurgen, and the members of the Parish Choir every Thursday. It is posted on the St. John's Elora YouTube and Facebook page.

Pastoral Letters

If you would like a print out of the Pastoral Letter sent out on Friday, you can pick up a copy at the EXIT door when you leave. If you have access to the internet and would like to receive the weekly Pastoral Letters by email please contact the Rector at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Speaker Series - This Wednesday

This Wednesday, November 18th, at 7pm you are invited to tune in to our new Monthly Speaker Series.

We welcome **Tez Darnell and Chris Hannell** who will share their love of birds by showing their beautiful bird and wildlife photographs. Tune in a bit early so the presentation can begin promptly.

Click on this Zoom link on Wednesday at 7pm and you will be welcomed by Judy or Paul:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81112041510>

If you are new to Zoom, let Paul or Judy know and we can give you a quick tutorial before Wednesday.

Conversation on the Book “Why Are We Here? A Meditation on Canada”

You are invited to join Paul and Judy for some guided conversation on Mary Jo Leddy’s book, “Why are We Here? A Meditation on Canada”. There are two sessions, Wednesday November 25 and December 2 at 4:00pm on Zoom. Here is the link:

There are a few copies of the book available at the EXIT door for \$12 each.

Synod

On Saturday, November 7, the 146th Synod of the Diocese of Niagara met for the first time on Zoom. It was an efficient and effective Synod which brought members of Synod up-to-date on the various activities of the diocese during the pandemic. Bishop Susan announced the appointment of Rev. Paul Walker as honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral as well as the creation of a School of Missional Ministry which is set to open in February. Always forward looking, the Diocese is preparing for the future, not only financially in the midst of a difficult time for all, but also developing ways that we can continue to spread the Gospel of Christ to those around us. We are Called to Life and Compelled to Love. You can find more information at www.niagaraanglican.ca and copies of the Bishop’s Charge are available at the EXIT door.

Calendars

There are a few 2012 Anglican Church Calendars available at the EXIT door for \$8 each.

Advent Lessons and Carols

The Parish Choir and some parishioners are preparing a special service to enter the Advent season. It will be pre-recorded with no in-person attendance this year; and it will be available on St. John’s Elora YouTube Channel on Sunday **November 29th at 7:00pm.**

Christmas Lessons and Carols

The Bishop is joining the Parish Choir and readers from across the diocese to usher in the Christmas season with something very special. The service will be live-streamed on **Sunday December 20th at 7:00pm.** While we cannot accommodate in-person attendance, if you register before December 15th on the diocesan website the first 100 people to register will receive a CD of our Parish Choir singing selections of Christmas music called “Here’s Your Figgy Pudding 2020!” This service is broadcast across the diocese, and all are welcome.