



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

January 16, 2022

11:00 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's
according to Diocesan guidelines (January 4)
with not more than ten people in the building.*

*We trust that you are keeping safe, grounded and connected in your faith this week.
May you be blessed as you join us in offering our prayers and
praises to the glory of God*

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.

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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 - Singers

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

COLLECT

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of
our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36.5-10 *(said responsively)*

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens,
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains:
thy judgements are like the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; how excellent is thy mercy, O God!
and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house;
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life;
and in thy light shall we see light.

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.

(Stand)

GOSPEL John 2.1-11

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 1st verse.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was

there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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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 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

*God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.*

*Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.*

*Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford,
God to us all blessings give,
we to God devoted live:
all below and all above
one in joy and light and love.*

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

ANTHEM **O King all Glorious**

Healey Willan

*O King all glorious, amid thy saintly company,
Who ever shalt be praised, who over passest utterance.
Thou, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
And we are called by thy Holy Name;
Leave us not, O our God, that in the day of judgement
it may please thee to place us in the number of thy Saints and blessed ones,
O King most blessed.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

“Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.” - John 2.11

INTERCESSIONS *(You may kneel or sit for prayer)*

Celebrant:

Let us pray for the world, the church, and all those in need this day, saying together, “Lord, have mercy.”

For all the churches in our community, for our Bishop, Susan, and Primate, Linda, and all congregations committed to their charge, that each one of us might be true and faithful servants of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, for those working in schools and hospitals, that the Lord will sustain them and protect them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or isolated (especially....) that the Lord will comfort and strengthen them in their minds and bodies, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country and our community, and all who live here, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who have departed this life in faith and fear (especially....) that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

(Singers stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Singers: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Singers: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Singers: 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:

Singers 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.

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.

Singers Agnus Dei

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.

Blessing

Postlude

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev'd Jeff Donnelly.

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	Lesley Bouza, Alan Macdonald
Flower Guild	Jane Anne Murray
Singers	Lesley Bouza, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Alan Macdonald
Video Technician	Gerry Hill

Announcements for January 16, 2022

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.

Church Calendars

Canadian Church Calendars for \$5.00 and Anglican Church Calendars for \$10.00 are available. Call the office (846-5911) if you would like us to get a 2022 calendar to you.

Offering Envelopes

The 2022 boxes of Offering Envelopes are available. To pick you box up please call the office (846-5911) this week to make an appointment, or we will make arrangements for delivery. Thank you for generously supporting the ministry of St. John's.

Modified Online Liturgies

This significantly modified service of Holy Communion is live-streamed to the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel. We modified the service in compliance with diocesan guidelines (January 4) to minimize the amount of time that no more than ten people are together indoors.

We trust that you are doing everything possible to reduce the amount of transmission of the COVID virus in our community and to keep yourself spiritually and physically healthy. Thank you for your care for one another.

Morning Prayer - Thursday

A group of people gather on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to pray for the community and hear the readings of the day. We are finished by 9:30 a.m. The link is available in the weekly Pastoral Letter. This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, so we look forward to welcoming clergy and members of other churches from Elora and Fergus at this service on Thursday. Consider joining us in a gesture of ecumenical hospitality.

Knitters and Quilters

If you would like to knit 6 inch or 12 inch squares of any colour, we are gathering them up to assemble together to make afghans for palliative care patients. Please contact Wendy Boose through the church office for more information.

The Knitters and Quilters meet every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Gratitude from Craig Love

"I wanted to thank you and the kind people of St. John's for the Christmas gift of \$1000. At this point in my ministry -- as a deacon at St. George's, Kitchener -- this money is very useful to me, and to my family. More than the money itself, the fact that our old friends continue to show their love and support is very encouraging. It's been such a long journey, for sure, but it's been life-changing in the best sense, for us all. The five of us miss our old home (church) in Elora, and we all look forward to a time when we can visit with you again. Until then, you will remain in our happy thoughts, and in our prayers. - peace and love in Christ Jesus, Craig"

Craig was ordained a Deacon in the Diocese of Huron in November.

Vestry

Vestry will be held on Sunday February 27. Vestry Reports are due by February 5. Please send your report to Linda Coultres, lmcoultres7@gmail.com Thank you.

St. John's Elora

St. John's Elora is a Christian community within the Anglican tradition with a strong history of liturgical worship and choral music. In a spirit of service, self-giving, and thanksgiving, we offer to the glory of God, ourselves, our souls and bodies, endeavouring to foster a faith in Jesus Christ and facilitate human flourishing. We strive to be a thriving, spiritually nourishing, healthy, welcoming and missional community.

Reaching out and reaching in, community engagement, and partnerships are all critical as we build on our past and present strengths. Our ministry together depends on factors such as spiritual authenticity, intellectual integrity, respectful behaviour, the ability to listen attentively, and community hospitality. We move towards the 2030s in a spirit of love with thanksgiving for what we have been given.

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