



*Church of St. John the Evangelist
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Sunday, February 13, 2022

11am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

This service is live-streamed from St. John's according to Diocesan guidelines (February 1) 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.

"Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven."

– Luke 6.23

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;

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

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

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

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

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

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

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

Canticle

Jubilate

John Ireland

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 LESSON

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand

it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1 (sung by quartet)

Blessed is the one that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stood in the way of sinners,
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side,
that bringeth forth his fruit in due season,

Whose leaf also doth not wither;
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them;
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous;
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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 LESSON

Luke 6.17-26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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;

Singers: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Singers: 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;

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

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

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

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

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

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Singers: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

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

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

Collect for the Day

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the children of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.
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 439 Blest are the Pure in Heart (vv 1,2,3,4)

*Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.*

*Still to the lowly soul
his presence doth impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.*

*The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King.*

*Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.*

Homily Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem **The Beatitudes**

Ruth Watson Henderson

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

(you may 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 **Voluntary in G**

Henry Heron

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

*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	Rachel Barreca, Matt Oxley
Singers	Audrey Coates, Rachel Barreca, Jerome Chang, Matt Oxley
Flower Guild	Nancy Knudstrup
Technician	Gerry Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Music Month at St. John's

Thursday February 17th, 8:30 p.m.

Compline

Live-streamed on YouTube.

Thursday February 24, 7:30 p.m.

Composing Community

On Zoom.

Music Director, Patrick Murray, will discuss his research on composers engaging communities and community stories through the creation of new works of choral music, specifically looking at composer, Julia Wolfe's 2012 coal-mining oratorio, *Anthracite Fields*.

Meet the Choristers

Watch for features that allow you to meet members of the St. John's Parish Choir.

Book Club for Lent

Ralph Benmurgui's book "I Thought He was Dead: A Spiritual Memoir" (2021) is available at the Magic Pebble Book shop in Elora or from your local book seller. The book is a 'compelling mixture of memoir, reflection, and philosophy' (Michael Coren) that combines his 'raw vulnerability and masterful storytelling to make the book a celebration of life, faith, hope and love.' (Joan Jenkinson)

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.

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.

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. You can deliver your completed squares to a blue container located outside the door of the Parish Centre. Yarn is also available for you if you like.

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

Vestry

Vestry will be held on Sunday February 27 on Zoom. The Vestry Report will be available soon.

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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