

Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario Diocese of Niagara

> July 23, 2023 11:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Trinity Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs are available from the Greeters at the back of the church

Mass Setting Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan

Processional Hymn 337 God, Your Glorious Presence

1.God, your glorious presence 2. In God's glorious presence draws us to adore you, hear the harps resounding! and with awe appear before you. See the hosts the throne surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy," hear the hymn ascending, In your holy temple all keep mystic silence, angels saints, their voices blending! prostrate lie with deepest reverence. You alone God we own, Bow your ear to us here: vou our God and Saviour: hear, O Christ, the praises praise your name for ever. that your church now raises.

> 3.Fount of endless blessing, purify my spirit, trusting only in your merit. Like the holy angels who behold your splendour, may I ceaseless worship render. Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.

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.**

(congregation may be seated or kneel)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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.

Arnsberg

Kyrie

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

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 People: Amen.

Lesson Genesis 28.10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Psalm 139.1-11, 23,24 (plainchant)

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts from afar. Thou art about my path and about my bed, and art acquainted with all my ways. For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go then from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I climb upon into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there also. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea. Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me become night', Yet even the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove me and examine my thoughts. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 24th verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: 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.

Anthem I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, from Messiah

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome 1.0 God of Bethel, by whose hand 3. Through each perplexing path of life thy people still are fed, our wandering footsteps quide; who through this earthly pilgrimage give us each day our daily bread thy multitudes hast fed: and raiment fit provide. 2.our vows, our prayers, we now present 4.0 spread thy covering wings around

before thy throne of grace. God of our forebears, be the God of their succeeding race. till all our wanderings case and in the city of our God our souls arrive in peace.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"God is love; and whoever abideth in God abideth in love, and God in them. - 1 John 4:16

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.

Offertory Hymn 555 O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

Salzburg

George Frederic Handel

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 Charles our King, thy peaceable wisdom, and to all that are put in authority under him, 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.

Grant this, O Father, 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

Celebrant: All: Celebrant: All: Celebrant:	The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts; We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
All:	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:
Cantor:	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.

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
- 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. Singer: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the singing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to

participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray. OUR Father

- All: 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.

BLESSING

Hymn 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

1. The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing; our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring, for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received, and for the generations who faithfully believed.

2. The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be companions on a journey, where all the world may see that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy; where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy. 3. The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go, to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more; for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

4. The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

POSTLUDE

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Aurelia

Singer	Autumn Debassige
Greeters	Jane Houlding and Mark Haslett
Readers	Susan Edwards, Pam Gradwell
Chalice Bearer	Thomas Littlewood, Damaris Martin
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Sylvia Arthur

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.

Welcome to St. John's Elora

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We are delighted you are here today. To receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to <u>rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com</u>

An Evening of Baroque Music with the Trinity Bach Project Summer Ensemble.

Sunday August 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Handel's Gloria for soprano and works by Bach and Corelli.

Elisa Citterio, music direction, violin; Michelle Odorico, violin; Felix Deak, violincello; Chris Bagan, organ; Louise Zacharias Friesen, soprano.

Admission by donation.

This is an Imago Project in partnership with St. John's Music.

The Song Circle FRIDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Join us to sing some favourite tunes on Friday morning at 10:30 in the Parish Centre. Lyrics provided. No experience necessary.

This is the last week before we take a break in August to resume after Labour Day. .

Holidays

Today Jurgen Petrenko is on holiday and returns with us on Sunday August 6. Patrick Murray is filling in for Jurgen this morning at the piano. The Parish Choir resumes on September 10.

Elora Children's Choir

After their debut performance at the end of the season concert with the St. John's Parish Choir last month, the Elora Children's Choir, under the direction of Kate Wright, welcomes children ages 8 and up to come to sing in September. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at <u>music.stjohnselora@gmail.com</u>

A Vision for St. John's Elora: Open Doors

St John's is working on a project to connect the church and the Parish Centre (the yellow house next door) to provide accessible washrooms, barrier-free meeting and reception space, and a commercial kitchen to help serve the needs of our growing community. We are in the planning stages currently, and hope to have regulatory approvals by the end of the year. Story boards and information brochures are available at the back of the church. We are excited about the future this project will bring to our community and welcome your feedback and support.

New Organ Console

Originally built in 1937, our two manual Casavant organ console has served well for almost 90 years. However, in recent years it has been showing its age, and is becoming increasingly less reliable. Furthermore, as the organ has grown, its resources have exceeded the capacity of a two-manual console.

In the fall of 2022, we were able to acquire a three-manual console. This console began its life in the 1990s, as a Rodgers electronic organ. The entire console was stripped down to its keyboards, and new state-of-the-art pipe organ components have been lovingly installed by Derek Verveer and his crew at Oxford Organs.

This new console, near completion, is expected to be installed beginning on July 26 over a four week period. It will give us greater reliability for the pipe organ part of our instrument, as well as finally allowing us to make full use of the electronic division donated by the estate of David Rogers in 2012. The organ will retain the characteristic sound that we love and enjoy, but with the addition of numerous lower-sounding stops and solo colours to add richness to the ensemble.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Jurgen Petrenko. Jurgen is always happy to talk about the organ!

Washrooms

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church)

Parking

<u>Maps</u> indicating streets with designated parking spots are available on the <u>Centre Wellington website</u> and at the back of the church.

Food Insecurity

Bring non perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank. A Community Lunch is offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Elora Legion.

Events This Week at St. John's Monday 7:00 **Bible Study at Portage** Wednesday 9:30 **Knitters and Quilters** 10:00 Holy Communion Friday 10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre) - last one until after Labour Day Sunday July 30 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 11:00 Choral Communion

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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