



*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Elora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara*

*August 20, 2023  
11:00 am*

*Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
Twelfth 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 Sancta Maria Magdalena**

Healey Willan

**Processional Hymn 7 New Every Morning is the Love**

Melcombe

*1. New every morning is the love  
our waking and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored  
to life and power and thought.*

*4. Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be,  
as more of heaven in each we see;  
some softening gleam of love and prayer  
shall dawn on every cross and care.*

*2. New mercies, each returning day  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.*

*5. The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask:  
room to deny ourselves,  
a road to bring us daily nearer God.*

*3. If on our daily course our mind be set  
to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still of countless price  
God will provide for sacrifice.*

*6. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.*

### **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.

## 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:* Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.  
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## Lesson Genesis 45.1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Psalm 133** (said responsively)

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is  
**for brethren to dwell together in unity!**

It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard,  
**even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar of his clothing;**

Like as the dew of Hermon,  
**which falleth upon the hills of Sion.**

For there the Lord promised his blessing,  
**even life for evermore.**

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL Matthew 15.21-28**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

## Solo The God of Love My Shepherd Is

Eric Thiman

**HOMILY** Rev'd John Lockyer

### Offertory Hymn 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

Heathlands

*An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome*

*1. 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.*

*2. 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.*

*3. 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.*

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*"God is love; and whoever abideth in God abideth in love, in God, 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.

*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:* The Lord be with you;

*All:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

*All:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* 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, 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 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

### Recessional Hymn 343 When All Thy Mercies, O My God

St. Stephen

*1. When all thy mercies, O my God,  
my rising soul surveys,  
transported with the view,  
I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*3. Ten thousand thousand precious gifts  
my daily thanks employ;  
nor is the least a cheerful heart,  
that tastes those gifts with joy.*

*2. Unnumbered comforts to my soul  
thy tender care bestowed,  
before my infant heart conceived  
from whom those comforts flowed.*

*4. Through every period of my life  
thy goodness I'll pursue;  
and after death, in distant worlds,  
the glorious theme renew.*

*5. Through all eternity to thee  
a joyful song I'll raise;  
for O, eternity's too short  
to utter all thy praise!*

## POSTLUDE

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Singer	Rebecca McKay
Greeters	Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Readers	David Campbell, Patricia Reimer
Altar Guild	Barb Watkins, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Jane Anne Murray

*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.*

### Events This Week at St. John's

#### Monday

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

#### Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

#### Sunday August 27 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Matins

### Welcome to St. John's

We are delighted you are here today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave. To receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to [rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### 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

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

### **Alvina McCabe**

Alvina McCabe died in the peace of Christ on Friday August 11. Alvina is the mother of Lisa Arnott. A visitation and service was at Giddy's on Friday August 18. May Alvina rest in peace and rise in glory. Our prayers are with Lisa and Ted and all the family

### **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.

### **Elora Children's Choir**

In September The Elora Children's Choir, directed by Kate Wright , welcomes children ages 8 and up to join and sing. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at [music.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:music.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### **The Men's Dinner**

returns Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00PM The first speaker this season will be Fred Thompson on his 8-month trip by VW Beetle, overland, from Sweden to Japan. Supper will be prepared by Steve Truchan and the recommended fee will be \$30 per person. Please email Ian Hornsby at [ihornsby0@gmail.com](mailto:ihornsby0@gmail.com) to confirm numbers by Monday August 28.

### **Sunday Hospitality in the Fall**

Volunteers are needed for Sunday post-worship hospitality hosts in the fall. A sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please see Ken Edwards for more information.

### **Safe Church**

Between now and the end of September, all St John's volunteers and staff will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of the Diocese of Niagara's Safe Church Policy. If you have received the Safe Church Policy email, please notify: [parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or call 519-846-5911 when you are ready to sign the acknowledgement. If you did not receive a copy of the Safe Church Policy, and you think you should have, please notify: [parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or call 519-846-5911.

### **New Organ Console**

The new 3 manual organ console is being installed over the coming weeks. If you have any questions, Jurgen Petrenko will happily answer them.

### **A Memorial to mark TRC DAY**

The Knitters and Quilters invite you to help create a memorial of orange feathers to mark TRC DAY on September 30. Connected to the theme of orange ribbons tied to trees, this year anyone is invited to make weather-proof ten inch orange feathers to attach to trees and adorn the church doorways. Supplies and instructions are provided. This public instalment will be a memorial to the children who did not return home and a symbol of our commitment to learn more about reconciliation. To participate in the Orange Feather Project come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday morning or contact Barb Dunsmore for more information.

## **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.

## **Culture Days in Centre Wellington**

Ontario Culture Days, September 22 to October 15, is an annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage. It features many creative events and activities across Ontario, with a hub of events featured in Elora and Fergus. See the all events that are highlighted for Culture Days in Elora/Fergus and scroll down the list to see the events offered this year from St. John's Elora. Here's one event in our community that may interest you: String Theory Yarn Shop in Fergus invites you to contribute left over and spare acrylic balls of yarn. Anyone is invited to knit or crochet squares and deliver them to String Theory Shop in Fergus before August 31st. You are also invited to come to assemble the squares together any time after August 15th to help make a large outdoor instalment to adorn the pedestrian bridge on County Road 18 in Aboyne. After it is dismantled, it will be made into blanket size panels and donated to animal shelters. Whether you are experienced or a beginner, you are invited to participate.

## **St. John's Four Areas of Ministry**

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

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