



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*October 16, 2022
11:00 am*

*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hymn books, prayer books and hearing assist devices
are available at the back of the church.*

Face masks are recommended when indoors at St. John's.

This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's Elora You Tube.

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 Haldimand 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.

Mass Setting Communion Service in E

Harold Darke

Introit Turn to Me in Mercy

Saran MacDonald

Processional Hymn 381 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise My Soul

*1.Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.*

*3.Father like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.*

*2.Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.*

*4.Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.*

*5.Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.*

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 (choir)

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

Celebrant: Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Reading Jeremiah 31.27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119.97-104 (*plainchant*)

Lord, what love have I unto thy law! All the day long is my study in it.

Thy commandment maketh me wiser than mine enemies; for it is ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my study.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgements; for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat, yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate all evil ways.

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 18th chapter of the gospel according to Luke beginning at the 1st verse.

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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 Let Justice and Judgement

George Frederick Handel

Let justice and judgement be the preparation of thy seat!

Let mercy and truth go before thy face.

Let justice, judgement, mercy and truth go before thy face.

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

OFFERTORY HYMN 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Gott Will's Machen

An offertory plate will be passed during this hymn to receive donations to support the ministry of St. John's.

*1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the
wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.*

*3. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.*

*2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failing
have such kindly judgement given.*

*4. Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?*

*5. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Offertory the Celebrant prepares the elements for Communion.

“Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.”

Psalm 119.135

PRAYERS

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.

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, 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.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and specially to thy servant 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, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life as in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

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.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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:

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.

Choir: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

You are invited to receive communion from the communion rail at the altar. If mobility challenges prevent you from navigating the chancel steps safely, the clergy will bring the sacrament to you. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you are invited to touch the base of the chalice while you hear the words of administration.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Motet: Civitas sancti tui

William Byrd

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 505 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*Be thou my vision, O lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise,
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord, thou my great Father; thine own may I
be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

POSTLUDE Little Prelude and Fugue in F

J S Bach

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Audrey Coates, Emily Steers, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Emily Burnett, Christina Stelmacovich, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Jeromy Chang, Lanny Fleming, Adam Kuiack, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Jane Anne Murray, Lesley Bouza
Chalice Bearer	Bob Cooper
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue, Pam Gradwell
Technician	Steve Hornett

Flowers are to the glory of God
in loving memory of June Kennedy

Pastoral Letter

To receive a weekly email letter from the Rector with news of upcoming parish events and a reflection, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Parish Retreat

Saturday October 22, 10-3, at Wellington County Museum, Aboyne Hall. (NOTE new location).

Please REGISTER on the sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, or using the link on the homepage of our website.

Archbishop Colin Johnson is our speaker.

Theme: "Abundance and Presence: Five Meals with Jesus in the Gospel of John". This is an important parish event in our annual calendar that we haven't had since 2019, so make an effort to attend. We will also hear some updates on our Vision for St. John's (approved at Vestry in June 2021).

Service of Confirmation and Reaffirmation - TODAY, 4pm at the Cathedral.

Dawn McClure is reaffirming her baptismal and confirmation vows at this service along with candidates from other parishes across the diocese. The service is live-streamed on the Diocese of Niagara YouTube Channel. Your prayers and presence are welcome.

Book Group

We met yesterday for the first session of Brian McLaren's book, "Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, The Disappointed, and the Disillusioned." The next sessions are Saturday October 29 and November 12, 10am in the Parish Centre. If you prefer to participate remotely, a Zoom link can be provided by request. There are two books available for loan, or you can order it online.

Calls to Action Reading Group

You are invited to gather on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom to read through and reflect on the 94 Calls to Action. The Zoom link was provided in the Pastoral Letter. This week we look at "Education."

Evensong - Sunday October 30 at 4pm

Celebrate the Feast of All Saints with a special commemoration for the life and witness of Queen Elizabeth II.

Compline - Tuesday November 8

Last week we offered an inspiring service of Compline with members from the parish and community joining the choir. If you want to be a part of the Compline Choir next month, please let Patrick know, and plan to come to a rehearsal at 6:30. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Act of Remembrance - Sunday November 13

Pray for peace and participate in an act of Remembrance with our special Poppy Project installation.

Poppy Project

Sunday October 23 will be the date for installing the poppy project this year. Come Wednesday at 9:30 to help us attach poppies to netting. The poppies will be on display October 28 to November 14.

Hosts

If you can be a host for one hour on the three weekends that the poppies are up, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. Hosts welcome visitors and guests to St. John's and is a wonderful way to meet new people.

This year the project marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Col John McCrae.

Christmas Puddings

Traditional Christmas puddings are for sale today after church. \$20 for regular and \$10 for small. Gluten free option is available. Please pay when you place your order.

Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones, please leave a message for Elaine Dightam at the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is OPEN Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12pm or by appointment.

Supporting St. John's

Support St. John's financially through: a box of weekly Offering Envelopes; a monthly gift through Preauthorized Giving (PAG) - forms are available at the back of the church or on the website. Contact Steve Hornett for more information about giving to St. John's.

This Week at St. John's

Today	4:00	Service of Confirmation and Reaffirmation
Monday	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	5:30	Volunteer Choir
	7:30	Calls to Action Reading Group (Zoom)
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Social
	10:00	Communion Service
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:30	Parish Choir
Saturday	10:00	PARISH RETREAT at Museum
Sunday	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9:00	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	11:00	Holy Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir
	1:30	Poppy Installations

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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