



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

October 31, 2021

11:00 am

Feast of All Saints and Feast of All Souls

11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

Welcome to an in-person liturgy at St. John's.

We all have a responsibility to gather safely.

According to Diocesan Guidelines (September 30)

Keep your face mask on, keep a 2m distance with people from other households.

Keep your face mask on, keep a 2m physical distance.

Please socialize outdoors.

There is no congregational singing; and tea, coffee or food will not be served.

The 11am liturgy is live-streamed to the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel.

There is no offertory hymn. You are encouraged to give your donation online electronically or using the "Offering Box" located at the church doors.

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.

Mass Setting Missa Brevis in A minor

Harold Darke

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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.

COLLECT

Celebrant: O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE THIRD CHAPTER OF THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON BEGINNING AT THE 1st VERSE

Wisdom 3.1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Psalm 24 (said responsively)

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is;
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
or who shall stand in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive this neighbour.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him;
even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come.

Who is the King of glory?
it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?
even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was at the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL **John 11.32-44**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 32nd verse.

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

All: I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 470 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (*congregation remains standing as choir sings*)

*Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.*

*Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.*

*Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;*

*Come, almighty to deliver
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.*

*Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

HOMILY Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem Give Us The Wings of Faith

Ernest Bullock

*Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above,
how great their joys, how bright their glories be.
We ask them whence their victory came; they, with one united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.
They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast;
and, following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

“They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.” - Revelation 7.15

INTERCESSIONS

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 ELIZABETH our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, 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.

We offer these prayers from our hearts 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

(Choir stand)

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

Choir 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 gave 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

During Communion:

Please remain in your seat and the sacrament will be brought to you in one kind (bread).

Please keep your face mask on while you hear the words of administration or blessing.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, please fold your arms across your chest.

Once the communion administrator is beyond your 2m physical distance you may remove your face mask to consume the sacrament.

Prayer During Reception: (for people participating online with spiritual communion)

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, Come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you.

(Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria e' Liguori)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Singers remain standing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE Toccata in D minor

J S Bach

***Allow people closest to the doors to exit first.
Please socialize outdoors.***

***If you have any questions about your registration at a Sunday Service,
please contact Thomas Littlewood
at reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com***

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of all our loved ones who have died
and we uphold in our prayers today.*

*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

Reader	Charlotte Logan, Ken Reid
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue, Mardy Langford
Choir	Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Emily Petrenko, Catherine Robertson, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Michael Cressman,
Video Technician	Gerry Hill
Greeters	Judy Bates, Ian Hornsby

Announcements for October 31, 2021

Welcome Back

Welcome back to church “in-person”. Please keep a physical distance from people not in your household. Face masks are required at all time indoors, and when you cannot keep a physical distance of 2m outdoors.

For the purposes of screening and contact tracing it is important that you register each week online before Saturday at 9pm, or if you do not have a computer, please call the office before Friday.

If you have any questions about your registration you can contact Thomas Littlewood at reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com

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.

Poppy Project 2021

Many thanks to Barb Dunsmore, all the members of the Knitters and Quilters, and the installation crew who contributed to make the Poppy Project such a stunning and effective outdoor witness to celebrate the centenary of the Poppy as a symbol of peace.

Next Sunday, November 7th, we gather for a special service with an Act of Remembrance. We have limited capacity, so please register early if you wish to attend in-person.

Christmas Puddings

Pam Gradwell is attending the 11:00am service today take your orders for Christmas Puddings. You can also contact Pam by email at pamgradwell231@gmail.com or 519-846-5911. Puddings are \$20 each. Gluten free options are available.

New Director of Music

Last Sunday it was announced that we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Patrick Murray as our new Director of Music. Patrick begins on November 1st to help us prepare for Advent and Christmas seasons.

A copy of the announcement, with Patrick’s background, is available at the back of the church.

New altar Super-Frontals

Many thanks to Elizabeth Litch who has created two beautiful altar super-frontals. Elizabeth has used a damask fabric called “Florence”, which is appropriate for St. John’s given our connection to Florence Nightingale. Elizabeth describes the detail on the high altar: "The beautiful leaves and the central motif (a pomegranate), are from the original white frontal. I lifted them off, and believe them to be over 150

years old... probably stitched in England, and have served on at least two frontals.”

The liturgical colour of white is used at Christmas, Easter, and the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

Weekend Hosts at St. John's

In response to the numbers of people who are engaging with the Poppy Project, we are planning to have the church open for visitors on Saturday (11am to 3pm) and Sunday (until 3pm) for the next two weekends. If you are willing to serve as a host to welcome visitors, engage them in friendly conversation outside on the grounds, welcome them inside the church to answer any questions, and tell them about St. John's, we are setting up a schedule of hosts who would take one hour shifts. Please let the Rector know if you are interested to participate. Brochures on St. John's, the Florence Nightingale connection, and the Poppy Project will be provided for you to hand out.

New Guidelines

The Bishop has issued new guidelines (effective November 1) that allow for congregational singing (quietly behind face masks); more access to church buildings; indoor mid week social gatherings as long as no food or beverage is served; easing some liturgical guidelines premised on contact transmission. A copy of the guidelines is available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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