



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*November 20, 2022
11:00 am*

*Reign of Christ
(Sunday before Advent)*

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.

Introit O King All Glorious

Healey Willan

Mass Setting Coronation Mass

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hymn 388 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

*1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.*

*2. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his Name.*

*4. Let ever creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our king;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.*

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: Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Reading Colossians 1.10-20

So that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Psalm 46 *(plainchant)*

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, although the earth be changed,
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell,

and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
There is a reiver, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
God is in the midst of here, therefore shall she not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;
but God uttereth his voice, and earth doth melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O Come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, what wonders he hath wrought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world;
he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 23rd chapter of the gospel according to Luke beginning at the 33rd verse.

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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 O Clap Your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Willaims

*O clap your hands, all ye people;
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible.
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises.*

*Sing praises to our King; sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth.
Sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the nations.
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.*

HOMILY Canon Paul Walker

OFFERTORY HYMN 520 The King of Love My Shepherd is

Dominus Regit Me

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

*1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.*

*4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.*

*2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.*

*5. Thou spread'st a table to my sight:
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!*

*3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.*

*6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Offertory the Celebrant prepares the elements for Communion.

“Christ is the image of the invisible God; all things have been created by him. In him all things hold together.”
- Colossians 1.15

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, and Colin, our Assistant 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: ... (*Names of those who have died are offered*)...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. Who in the multitude of thy Saints hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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

Once the choir has received the sacrament, you are invited 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.

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 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb on his throne hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold! his hands and side, rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

POSTLUDE Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Jim Bottoms, Shirley Schonbacher-Bottoms
Greeters	Jane Rapp, Charlotte Logan
Chalice Bearer	Damaris Martin
Technician	Steve Hornett

Flowers are to the glory of God
in loving memory of Randy, from his wife, Merle Carlton.

Calls to Action Reading Group

Join with others on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 to read through the Calls to Action and reflect and learn together about reconciliation in Canada. Zoom link is provide in the Pastoral Letter.

PWRDF Sunday - November 27

We look forward to welcoming Henry Reinders as our guest speaker on November 27. Henry is the Ontario representative for the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), a partner with the Primates World Relief and Development Fund. Henry will be addressing how the work of the Foodgrains Bank is responding to the pending global food crisis. There will be an opportunity to meet Henry in the Parish Centre after both Sunday liturgies.

Advent Lessons and Carols - November 27

Join us next Sunday at 4pm or 7pm for this special service to begin the season of Advent.

Christmas Puddings

We still have some Christmas puddings available for sale. Gluten free options available.

[Contact Pam Gradwell](#) for more information.

Offering Envelopes for 2023

Offering Envelopes for 2023 will be available soon.

[Contact Steve Hornett](#) if you have any questions.

To revise your monthly givings through P.A.G. (pre-authorized givings) or subscribe to P.A.G., please **complete a PAG form available at the back of the church or on our website under "Donate"** and return it to Steve Hornett.

Church Calendars for 2023

New church calendars are available in two different designs (following two different lectionaries) at the back of the church or in the Parish Centre.

Being in a Safe Place

Our diocese is committed to ensure that we gather in a place that is safe and secure - free from harassment, exploration, assault, discrimination, violence or any kind of behaviour that bullies, intimidates, or diminishes the other.

The Safe Church Policy for the Diocese of Niagara was expanded and updated in October 2021 and is available at the back of the church and in the Parish Centre.

The Safe Church policy applies to everyone who comes through our doors and is largely about the development of healthy relationships and keeping clear boundaries.

If you are the recipient of behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable, then the policy outlines options of what you can do about it.

It is important to be reminded that we all have a responsibility to be familiar with the Safe Church policy, to keep one another accountable, and to ensure that our behaviour, conduct and language honours one another's human dignity. Under this policy our commitment is to intentionally create and preserve an environment at St. John's that is a safe place.

If you have any questions please contact the Canon Pastor, Matthew Griffin, or Archdeacon Bill Mous at the Diocese of Niagara, or speak to the Rector.

Special Vestry

The Wardens have called a Special Vestry to gather on Sunday December 4, 1:30pm on Zoom to authorize them to retain SRM Architects to help us carry the Open Doors priority of our Vision to the next steps.

In June 2021 Vestry upheld that we are being called to create a new accessible multi-purpose reception hall space that would connect the church to the Parish Centre. Concept drawings were presented to Parish Council in June 2022 and at the Parish Retreat in October 2022. To move the project from a concept into more concrete next steps, the Wardens need to retain SRM Architects to help prepare drawings, costs, and seek approvals from various regulatory bodies, including but not limited to the Diocese, the township, the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, and the Historical Committee. This is a long process and requires architectural drawings to be prepared. Images of the concept drawings will be on display in the narthex. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Wardens: Peter Barr, Pam Gradwell, Jane Houlding or Jeff Ostic.

Upcoming Events at St. John's

November 27 - PWRDF guest speaker, Henry Reinders (Canadian Foodgrains Bank), 9am and 11am

November 27 - Advent Lessons and Carols, 4pm and 7pm

December 6 - Service of Compline, 8pm

December 18 - Christmas Lessons and Carols, 4pm and 7pm

December 24 - 4pm (BAS) with Volunteer Choir; 7pm and 9pm (BCP) with Parish Choir

December 25 - 10am (BCP) with Quartet

This Week at St. John's

Monday	7:00pm	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	10:00am	Preparation for Community Meal
	5:30pm	Volunteer Choir
	7:30pm	Calls to Action Reading Group – on Zoom
Wednesday	9:30am	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00am	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00pm	Parish Choir
Sunday	8:00am	Holy Communion
	9:00am	Holy Eucharist
	11:00am	Choral Matins – Henry Reinders, Guest Speaker
	4:00pm	Advent Lessons and Carols
	7:00pm	Advent Lessons and Carols

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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