

# PEACE



*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Elora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara*

*December 5, 2021  
11:00 am*

*Second Sunday of Advent*

## 11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

*According to Diocesan Guidelines (November 1)*

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

*Congregational singing is allowed, softly with face masks on.*

*Please socialize outdoors.*

*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.*

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*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 Haydn Missa Sancti Nicolai**

#### **Hymn 624 O Thou Who Camest From Above (vv 1,4)**

*O thou who camest from above,  
the pure celestial fire to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.*

*Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death thy endless mercies seal  
and make the sacrifice complete.*

#### **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** *(congregation can kneel or sit for prayer)*

*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:* Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou has given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI**

Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Benedictus** *(congregation is invited to stand and sing softly with the choir)*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;  
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of holy prophets,  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,  
that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him,  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God;  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

**GOSPEL**      **Luke 3.1-6**

*Reader:*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:*      The Holy Gospel is written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Luke  
beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was  
governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the  
region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high  
priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in  
the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism  
of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of  
the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of  
the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and  
hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways  
made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"  
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 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness (vv 1,3)

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
the valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places  
where the Lord our God may go!*

*But your word, O God, is faithful,  
your arm, O Lord, is strong;  
you stand in the midst of nations,  
and you will right the wrong.  
you will feed your flock like a shepherd,  
and fold the lambs to your breast:  
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,  
and give to the weary rest.*

**HOMILY**      Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

### **Anthem**      **A Tender Shoot**

Kerensa Briggs

*A tender shoot hath started  
Up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted,  
From Jesse's holy race.  
It blooms with out a blight  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.*

*This shoot Isaiah taught us  
From Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.*

### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God." - Luke 3:4,6*

### **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 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;

*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:

*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 Choral Prelude on Wachtet Auf

J S Bach

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

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Sheila Murray, interned together December 9, 2020; parents of Rod and Jane Anne Murray and in loving memory of my parents, Ron and Lois Watkins, and my sister, Dianne Rees, the gift of Linda Coultres*

*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*

Readers	Jane Anne Murray, Laura Robertson
Server	Ken Reid
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Jane Rajantie, Sylvia Arthur
Choir	Janelle Santi, Audrey Coates, Emily Petrenko, Rachel Barreca, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Michael Cressman, Luke Maclean,
Video Technician	Steve Hornett
Greeters	Meg and James Prichard

## **Announcements for December 5, 2021**

### **Gathering for Worship Safely**

In an effort to reduce the amount of time spend indoors, unless you have mobility challenges or you are involved in the leadership of the liturgy, please do not enter the church until 20 minutes before the start of the service.

We are monitoring the balance between open doors for ventilation and temperature, so doors will be open before and after the liturgy, and the east vestry door will remain open in the building during he liturgy.

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 6pm, 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](mailto: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.

### **Church Calendars**

Canadian Church Calendars for \$5.00 and Anglican Church Calendars for \$10.00 are available at the back of the church and in the Parish Centre. Place your money in the "Offering Box" at either entrance to the church.

### **Offering Envelopes**

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you do not see your box there or you would like to get a box of Offering Envelopes, please contact Steve Hornett at [givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or call him at 519-846-5911.

### **Food Bank**

The Centre Wellington Food Bank is in need of food items. You can bring non-perishable food items to the hamper in the church, or deliver them directly to the Food Bank at 105 Queen Street West in Fergus.

### **Christmas Services**

Registration for all Christmas services will be open on the home page of our website on December 12. Please register early as we have limited capacity. Service times and capacity are subject to change depending on public health and diocesan guidelines.

### **Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to contribute to the cost of flowers for the Christmas season with a donation in memory of loved ones, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-843-5091.

### **Heritage River Communion**

Friday December 10, 10:00am there will be a modified service of Holy Communion for the residents at Heritage River. It is held on the second Friday of every month.

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