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*Sunday, January 9, 2022*

*11am*

*The Baptism of the Lord*

## 11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's  
according to Diocesan guidelines (January 4)  
with not more than ten people in the building.*

*We trust that you are keeping safe, grounded and connected in your faith this week.*

*May you be blessed as you join us in offering our prayers and  
praises to the glory of God on the Baptism of the Lord.*

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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.*

*"The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea."*

– Habakkuk 2.4

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

*(you may kneel or sit for prayer)*

Minister: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

All: **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful**

**Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Responses are sung.*

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

Singers: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

Singers: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Singers: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

Singers: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Canticle**

**Jubilate Deo**

Arthur Sullivan

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;*

*serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:*

*it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and into his courts with praise.*

*be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;*

*and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

## **FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured,

and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

### **Psalm 29** (sung by quartet)

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye mighty,  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name;  
worship the Lord with holy worship.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder, even the Lord upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is might in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar trees;  
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young ox.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness;  
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare the forests:  
in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood.  
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

### **SECOND LESSON**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you

with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Minister: I believe in God

All: **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Responses are sung.*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Singers: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Singers: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **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. Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Singers: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

Singers: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Singers: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Singers: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Singers: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Singers: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### Collect for the Day

O Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Hymn 628 (v 1,2,7) O Love How Deep

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God,  
should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame for us,  
and to this lost world came.*

*To God whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through the Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.*

**Homily** Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

### **Anthem** **Sicut cervus**

Like as the hart desire the waterbrooks,  
so longeth my after Thee, O God.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.  
*(you may sit for the prayers)*

### A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O

Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE Little Prelude and Fugue in G minor**

JS Bach

*Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Pam Walker, from Paul; and in loving memory of Patricia Griffiths who died on January 2, 2022.*

*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*

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Singers	Janelle Santi, Christina Stelmacovich, Lanny Fleming, Michael Cressman
Flower Guild	Sylvia Arthur
Technician	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 9, 2022**

### **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.

### **Community Meal Program**

On Tuesday January 11th St. John's is providing kitchen space for a hot meal to be prepared for people in the community. It will be available for pick up and take out at the Elora Centre for the Arts. This is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and is carried out in strict compliance with diocesan and public health guidelines.

### **New Guidelines**

Last Tuesday the Bishop issued new guidelines for ministry in all churches in the Diocese of Niagara. Presently, clergy, staff and volunteers are working from home except for essential tasks that require them to access church buildings. All indoor weddings and funerals are postponed. All meetings and faith formation groups meet online.

It is important that we do everything possible to minimize the transmission of the Omicron virus in our community and keep ourselves healthy. Tend to the daily basics: food, rest, fresh air and prayer. Keep in touch with a friend or family member with a telephone call. And remember that your church is here to support you.

### **Church Calendars**

Canadian Church Calendars for \$5.00 and Anglican Church Calendars for \$10.00

### **Offering Envelopes**

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available. Please let us know if you would like to make an appointment to collect your box or have them delivered to you.

## **St. John's Elora**

St. John's Elora is a Christian community within the Anglican tradition with a strong history of liturgical worship and choral music. In a spirit of service, self-giving, and thanksgiving, we offer to the glory of God, ourselves, our souls and bodies, endeavouring to foster a faith in Jesus Christ and facilitate human flourishing. We strive to be a thriving, spiritually nourishing, healthy, welcoming and missional community.

Reaching out and reaching in, community engagement, and partnerships are all critical as we build on our past and present strengths. Our ministry together depends on factors such as spiritual authenticity, intellectual integrity, respectful behaviour, the ability to listen attentively, and community hospitality. We move towards the 2030s in a spirit of love with thanksgiving for what we have been given.

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