



**Church of St. John the Evangelist
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**Sunday, February 14, 2021
11am**

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11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

This service is live streamed with five people onsite.

Welcome and Announcements

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2.14

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.

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;

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

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

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

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

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

Amen.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

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

Venite

O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*

*In his hand are all the corners of the earth:
and the strength of the hills is his also.*

*The sea is his, and he made it:
and his hands prepared the dry land.*

*O come, let us worship, and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

*For he is the Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*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.*

First Reading 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 50.1-6

(said responsively)

The Lord, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken,
and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Our of Sion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined forth.

Our God cometh, and keepeth not silence;
**there goeth before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest is stirred up round about him.**

He calleth to the heavens from above,
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

'Gather my saints together unto me:
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice'

And the heavens declare his righteousness;
for God is judge himself.

Second Reading Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Jubilate (Psalm 100)

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;

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.

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.

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;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: 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;

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

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

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

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

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

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

Collect for Transfiguration

O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son wonderfully transfigured: Mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine majesty, that we, being purified and strengthened by thy grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through 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 167 'Tis Good Lord to be Here, (vs. 1,2,3,5)

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments,
like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.*

*Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see!*

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.*

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but, since thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.*

Anthem **Lord God of Abraham** (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

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.**

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

Postlude **Trumpet Voluntary**

John Stanley

The flowers are in memory of Dr. William B. Ellis remembered by Patricia, Sarah, Ben and family.

If you would like flowers in memory of loved ones or to celebrate an occasion please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com
Remember that there are no flowers during Lent.

Reader	Thomas Littlewood
Soloist	Alan Macdonald
Video Technicians	Judy Steers
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Vestry - Sunday February 21, 1:30pm on Zoom

A link will be sent out this week in the Pastoral Letter for you to attend Vestry next Sunday on Zoom. Please consider attending as we gather together to express thanks for all that was accomplished for the glory of God last year at St. John's, and commit ourselves to new ministry for the coming year. It begins on Sunday at 1:30pm. If you would like a paper copy of the annual Vestry Report and haven't yet received one, please let us know and we can make arrangements to get you a copy.

Books - Braiding Sweetgrass

If you would still like a copy of the book, "Braiding Sweetgrass" please contact Judy Steers at 519-846-5911 or curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com. The book is available for \$25. We are hosting conversations on the book beginning on Wednesday February 24 at 7:30 on Zoom.

Ash Wednesday - February 17

This year we mark the beginning of the season of Lent online with two services. There will be a pre-recorded penitential service from the BCP available on the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel in the morning. At 7:30 in the evening you are invited to participate in a penitential service online through Zoom. The link was included in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

Pastoral Letters

If you would like to receive the weekly Pastoral Letters from the Rector, please let Paul know at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

New to St. John's?

If you are new to St. John's in the past year, and would like to be formally welcomed at Vestry, please let the Rector know to confirm your presence and participation.

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