



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*April 3, 2022
11:00 am*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent
(Passion Sunday)*

11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's.
Welcome to an in-person service at St. John's.
Please keep your physical distance where possible.
Wear a good fitting face mask.*

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 Harold Darke in A

Introit O Sacrum Convivium

Stephanie Martin

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 - Singers

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT

Celebrant: We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 43.15-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126 *(plainchant)*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Sion,
then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord hath done great things for them.'

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already;
whereof we rejoice.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
as the rivers in the South.

They that sow in tears,
shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed,
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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.

(Stand)

GOSPEL **John 12.1-8**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 12th chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 1st verse.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vv 1,2,4)

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

ANTHEM Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

*"We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."
- Matthew 4.4*

INTERCESSIONS *(You may kneel or sit for prayer)*

Let us pray for the world, the church, and all those in need this day, saying together, "Lord, have mercy."

For all the churches in our community, for our Bishop, Susan, and Primate, Linda, and all congregations committed to their charge, that each one of us might be true and faithful servants of Christ, let us ask the riches of his grace.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, for people who travel, and people who work in schools and hospitals, that the Lord will sustain them and protect them, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or isolated (especially....) that the Lord will uphold them in their minds and bodies, let us ask the strength of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of all nations, and all who are in positions of authority; that they might serve to build up communities of hope, let us ask the wisdom of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For the people of Ukraine, for those who are displaced and for those who remain, that they might be renewed in strength and courage, let us ask the peace of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us ask the light of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have departed this life in faith and fear (especially....) that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom, let us ask the peace of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

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.
Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Singers 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.

Singers 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

Hymn 624 O Thou Who Camest From Above (vv 1,3,4)

*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.*

*Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.*

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

Postlude Music for the Elevation of the Host

Francois Couperin

Please note there are no flowers during the season of Lent.

Readers	Dinah Bristowe, Bob Cooper
Greeters	
Altar Guild	Pam Gradwell, Wendy Donohue
Singers	Kate Wright, Rebecca McKay, Emily Petrenko, Autumn Debassige, Lanny Fleming, Jeffrey Smith, Luke MacLean, Matt Oxley
Video Technician	Steve Hornett

Announcements for April 3, 2022

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care, please contact a member of the clergy directly.

Pastoral Letter

To receive the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector with news on St. John's events and some reflections, please let us know.

Sunday Liturgy at 11:00

To be involved in a Sunday liturgy as a Greeter, please contact Thomas Littlewood; as a Reader, please contact Patricia Reimer; as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Pam Gradwell. You can contact any of them by calling the Parish Office.

Morning Prayer

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. on Zoom join us to hear the scriptures of the day and offer prayers for the world.

Community Meal

Tuesday April 5. St. John's kitchen is used to prepare a hot meal for pick up or take out from the Elora Center for the Arts. For more information contact Ian Hornsby.

Parish Council

Tuesday April 5 on Zoom. Please send regrets to Susan Edwards.

Volunteer Choir

Please let Linda know the date of your booster vaccine before attending the rehearsal on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Holy Communion

Join us on Wednesday at 10:00 am for a said service of Holy Communion (BCP). Face masks required and physical distancing encouraged.

Knitters and Quilters

Weather permitting we will be gathering in-person at the Parish Centre on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Please self-assess for symptoms before coming, wear a face mask, and keep your physical distance where possible.

Heritage River

If all goes well, we are scheduled to offer a service of Holy Communion on Friday April 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Heritage River Residence.

Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop

Saturday April 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please call the Parish Office or register online if you wish to attend this workshop to learn how to make a Ukrainian Easter Egg. Simple patterns and design ideas will be provided. No experience necessary.

The only artistic skill you need is being able to draw a line.

There is no registration fee, but you are invited to make a donation to support Ukrainian refugees through PWRDF.

All are welcome, including children over 10 years of age. Face masks are required, and please self assess for symptoms before coming. Contact Judy Steers or Christina Stelmacovich for more information.

Holy Week at St. John's

Palm Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 11:00 a.m. Choral Matins

Holy Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion with Parish Choir, concludes with stripping of the altar and in darkness.

Good Friday - 11:00 a.m. Solemn Liturgy with Meditations on the Cross and Passion, the service will include a Choral Passion by Canadian-American composer Zachary Wadsworth, sung by the Parish Choir.

Easter Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP); 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir (BAS); 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion with Parish Choir (BCP).

With capacity limits lifted you are welcome to attend a service in-person without pre-registering.

Please self-assess for symptoms before coming.

Wear a good fitting face mask.

Keep your physical distance where possible.

No food or beverage is served.

Please take precautions to reduce the risk of transmission.

Live-stream of Services

Our Sunday and Holy Week services will continue to be live-streamed on YouTube. We apologize that last Sunday we encountered some challenges that have now been addressed. Thank you for your patience.

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.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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