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*Sunday, April 11, 2021  
11am*

*Sunday after Easter  
(Octave Day of Easter)*

## 11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines of having no more than five people on site.*

Welcome and Announcements

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. O come, let us worship.

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.**

### **Psalm 133**

*(said responsively)*

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is  
**for brethren to dwell together in unity!**

It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard,  
**even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar of his clothing;**

Like as the dew of Hermon,  
**which falleth upon the hills of Sion.**

For there the Lord promised his blessing,  
**even life for evermore.**

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 Acts 4.32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **Jubilate** (said)

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.

## **Second Reading John 20.19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 157 He is Risen (vv 1,2,3)

*He is risen, he is risen,  
Tell it with a joyful voice,  
He has burst his three days' prison,  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice;  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.*

*He is risen, he is risen;  
He hath opened heaven's gate;  
We are free from sin's dark prison,  
Risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam  
On our longing eyes shall stream.*

*Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
With glad smile and radiant brow;  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
All his woes are over now,  
And the Passion that he bore;  
Sin and pain can vex no more.*

Homily Canon Paul Walker

Anthem I Got Me Flowers

Ralph Vaughan Williams

I got me flowers to strew thy way;  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he give light, and the East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,  
Though many suns to shine endeavor?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

Text by: George Herbert

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.**

Postlude **Prelude to the Te Deum**

Charpentier

Reader  
Singer  
Video Technician

Marcus Kramer, Wendy Boose  
Michael Cressman  
Steve Hornett

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 11, 2021**

### **Keeping in Touch**

If you would like a copy of the Order of Service and text of the Sunday sermon delivered or mailed to you, please let us know.

### **Seeking a New Music Director**

We are seeking a new Music Director to lead our Parish Choir and our music program. The details of the job posting are available on the St. John's website. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

### **Building a Vision for St. John's**

Many people have participated in the visioning process over the past month, and we continue to invite your participation on **Tuesday April 13** and **Thursday April 15**, 7:30pm on Zoom. The Zoom link are provided in the Pastoral Letter.

If you do not have access to a computer and would like to participate, please call the Parish Centre and leave a message and we will get back to you.

Our vision seeks to uphold all that is good from our past, embrace all that we are learning in the pandemic, and a look to identify significant investments that allow us to build capacity for flourishing ministry in the future.

### **Pastoral Care**

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care or prayer, please call the Parish Center and leave a voicemail for one of the clergy or contact them by email.

### **Support Project for Migrant Farmworkers**

One of the challenges for Migrant Farmworkers arriving for their 14 day quarantine is spending that length of time in semi-isolation and...boredom! To mitigate that in their isolation time, Girol Books, a Spanish bookstore has offered to provide Spanish-language novels, biographies, inspirational books etc at a discounted cost. If you would like to make a donation towards purchasing Spanish language reading material for arriving farmworkers, please make a donation through the regular channels for St John's Elora (etransfer, cheque – either mailed or dropped off). Thank you.

Please contact Rev Judy Steers - [curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thanks to all who so generously donated warm outdoor coats and sweaters. Please stay tuned for other requests as needs arise.

### **Provincial Stay at Home Order**

With the new province wide stay at home order the clergy, staff and volunteers of St. John's are working from home except to perform duties that require us to be on site. The diocese has updated guidelines for all churches across the diocese to limit the number of people gathered for creating a live-stream

Sunday service to five people. Baptisms, weddings and funerals continue to be postponed. Grave side interments are allowed for no more than ten people. All of these guidelines are in response to the rapid rise of transmission of COVID-19, the increased stress on our hospital capacity, and the severe risks associated with contracting the COVID-19 variant. Please know that we are still here to support you and our ministry continues to be offered for you safely.

### **Evening Prayer on Zoom - Wednesdays, beginning April 14th**

During this time of provincial stay-at-home pandemic restrictions, St John's is hosting Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 8:00 pm on Zoom. The link is found in the Rector's weekly email, or by writing to Rev Judy Steers ([curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com)). Evening prayer will be a short time of prayer, readings and music, then 30 minutes of Bible study/scripture reflections together. We begin this Wednesday, April 14th at 8:00 pm.

We will be continuing our practice of pre-recorded morning and evening prayer on alternate Wednesdays - this weekly zoom liturgy and reflections time is offered as an additional way of keeping us connected and spiritually grounded during the coming weeks.

### **Speaker Series – April**

On Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm we will hear Dr. Michel Desjardins presenting “The Role of Food in Understanding Religion”. Dr. Desjardins’ presentation uses examples from several religions around the world, with examples coming from Asia and the Pacific, South Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Egypt, focusing on current, lived expressions of religion.

Michel Desjardins now lives on Vancouver Island. He is Professor Emeritus of Religion and Culture at Wilfrid Laurier University, where he taught for 24 years. He has studied religion for half a century, and for the last 15 years has been conducting research, with his wife Ellen (nutritionist and human geographer), on the role that food plays in people’s religious lives, across traditions, across the world. The zoom link for the talk will be in the weekly Rector’s letter, or ask for it by emailing [curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

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