



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*April 18, 2021
11:00 am*

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Holy Communion with Singers (BAS)

In compliance with Diocesan guidelines this liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's Church with five people present in the building.

It is available on the St. John's Elora YouTube channel.

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Singers remain standing

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the Thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie - Singer

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 4 (said responsively)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Gospel Luke 24.36b-48

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily Rev'd Judy Steers

The Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of People

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying together, "Lord, hear our prayer".

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we might become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Susan, our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and all who are connected to the parish of St. John's: that we might remain faithful to our calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of all the nations, and all who are in positions of leadership and authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, and those who are most vulnerable during this time: that you will show your good will to all. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in hospitals and care homes, and all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who live with illness in body or in mind. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom we know need our prayers this day.....Strengthen and console them by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration Of The Eucharist

Hymn 231 That Eastertide with Joy was Bright (v 1 and 4)

That Eastertide with joy was bright;

the sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia!

When, to their longing eyes restored,

The apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus, the king of gentleness,

do thou thyself our hearts possess, alleluia, alleluia!

That we may give thee all our days

the tribute of our grateful praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Creator of all,

you wash away our sins in water,

you give us new birth by the Spirit,

and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,

renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken

away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 those who 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei - Singer

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us thy peace*

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

The following prayer is said by all during this prayer the elements may be elevated, in offering to the people.

Celebrant: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.

Anthem I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

GF Handel

The Celebrant receives the sacrament on behalf of the entire community.

Prayer During Reception:

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)

Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray:

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.

Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Pernfuss.

Flowers are given to the glory of God in gratitude for the life and witness of

His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,
buried yesterday at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

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If you would like flowers in memory of loved ones or to celebrate an occasion please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com

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Announcements for April 18, 2021

Technical Support

If you would like some technical support to access any online resources from St. John's please contact Steve Hornett at 519-846-5911 or geek.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the clergy. You can leave a message at the Parish Center and your voice mail is automatically redirected to the Rector's email.

Provincial Stay at Home Order

With the stay at home order our diocesan guidelines require the clergy, staff and volunteers to work from home except for duties that require us to be on site. We are now limited to having no more than five people on site to create a livestream service on Sunday. Please know that St John's ministry continues to be offered to support you safely and you can find resources on the St John's Elora YouTube Channel and website.

Visioning Process

So far over 60 people have participated in one of the visioning workshops online and it has been a tremendously inspiring process. There will be more material coming from the Visioning Team in the coming weeks to help bring the themes together from what we have heard and inform you of next steps. This process is a significant help to the Rector and Wardens that builds on the strengths of our past, identifies what we are learning about ministry in the pandemic, and helps us all look towards creating the capacity for a flourishing ministry into the

2030's. If you haven't yet participated in a workshop, and you are interested, please let us know. The more people who participate in the process the more effective the outcome will be.

Evening Prayer on Wednesdays

During this time of the provincial stay at home order, we are offering Evening Prayer on Wednesday at 8:00pm on Zoom. The link is found in the Rector's weekly Pastoral Letter, or by contacting Rev'd Judy Steers (curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

We continue the practice of offering pre-recorded Morning Prayer every other week. The weekly liturgy on Zoom is offered as an additional way of keeping us connected to one another and spiritually grounded in the coming weeks.

Migrant Farmworkers

As migrant farmworkers arrive and begin quarantine away from families, we have linked with a Spanish bookstore to provide them with Spanish-language reading material at a discounted cost.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of this project please make your donation to St. John's through your usual channels (E-transfer or cheque - mailed or hand delivered to the Parish Centre) and mark it "Migrant Farmworkers". For more information please contact Rev'd Judy Steers.