



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*July 4, 2021
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In compliance with Diocesan guidelines this liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's Church with ten people present in the building.

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

Welcome and Announcements

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the land that, at time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony between two rivers.

At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Mass Setting Sumsion in F

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE NATION

Almighty God,

whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48 (said responsively)

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion,
the very centre of the world and the city of the great king.

God is in her citadels;
he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded
they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God;
God has established her for ever.

We have awaited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end;
your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements.

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her;
count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever;
he shall be our guide for evermore.

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

GOSPEL Mark 6.1-13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily Canon Paul Walker

Hymn 273 O Spirit of the Living God

*O Spirit of the living God,
In all the fulness of thy grace,
Wherever human feet have trod
Descend on our fallen race.*

*Give tongues of fire, and hearts of love,
To preach the reconciling word;
Give power and unction from above,
When e'er the joyful sound is heard.*

*Be darkness at thy coming light;
Confusion, order in thy path;
Souls without strength inspire with might;
Bid mercy triumph over wrath.*

*Baptize the nations; far and nigh
The triumph of the Cross record;
The Name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call him Lord.*

*God from eternity hath willed
All flesh shall his salvation see;
So be the Father's love fulfilled,
The Saviour's sufferings crowned through thee.*

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 all who live on or visit this land: indigenous and settler, poor and rich, young and old, and particularly those who are most vulnerable at this time; that you will show your good will to all. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

Anthem How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

John Stainer

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that bringeth peace, that bringeth salvation; and that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

The Celebration Of The Eucharist Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray:
Judge eternal,
accept all we offer you this day, and grant to our nation unity and peace.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

Agnus Dei

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

Prayer of 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:

God of love,

may we who have received holy things grow in unity and peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 Concerto in F (third movement)

J G Walther

Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Bonnie Smiley for her birthday; and in memory of William and Marjorie, the gift of their daughter Jane Rajantie.

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

Readers	Bob Cooper, Ken Reid
Quartet	Lesley Bouza, Heather Fleming, Lanny Fleming, Michael Cressman
On Site Technician	Steve Hornett

Announcements for July 4, 2021

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.

St John's Summer Celebration - July 6-18

Worship services are live-streamed on the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel and mid-week guest speakers are offered on Zoom.

Tuesday July 6

7:00pm on Zoom

[Joanna Dermenjian](#) takes us to her home to explore the comfort and kindness of women who participated in the Canadian Red Cross campaign to provide quilts during the war effort.

Thursday July 8

7:00pm on St Johns Elora YouTube
Choral Evensong with quartet.

Sunday July 11

11:00am on St Johns Elora YouTube

[Archbishop Linda Nicholls](#), Primate of Canada, guest preacher.

1:30pm on Zoom

Archbishop Linda Nicholls attends Coffee Time.

Thursday July 13

7:00pm on Zoom

[Timothy Schmaltz](#), internationally acclaimed sculptor, takes us to his Kitchener studio to talk about his passion of sculpting and faith.

Sunday July 18

11:00am on St Johns Elora YouTube

[Dr Wendy Fletcher](#), President and Vice Chancellor of Renison University College, guest preacher.

Bonus Features: Members of the Parish Choir are preparing a few special musical selections to be released throughout the month of July.

St. John's Poppy Project

We are preparing to help celebrate the centennial year of the Poppy as a symbol of remembrance. The Knitters and Quilters are initiating a community project to create an outdoor art installation of knitted and crocheted poppies in October and November.

You can participate by:

- Knitting or crocheting some poppies. Some kits are available from the bin outside at the Parish Centre side porch. Or you can pick up a copy of the pattern and provide your own red wool.
- Spread the word so other people can participate.
- Make a donation to help with the purchase of the wool.

Contact Barb Dunsmore at gbdunsmore@gmail.com or 519-638-2146 for more information.

We are aiming for 1,500 poppies! Please donate your poppies before September 30th.

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