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7:00 pm*

7:00 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines (effective June 11) of having no more than ten people on site.

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.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96.9*

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 42.1-7 (sung by quartet)

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

*My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

*My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say unto me, 'Where is now thy God?'*

*These things will I remember as I pour out my soul within me:
how I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God,*

*With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping holy-day.*

*Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul?
and why art thou so disquieted within me?*

*O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

*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.*

Magnificat

Sumsion in G

*My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.*

*For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.*

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me;
and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.*

*He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

*He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

*He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant Israel;*

*As he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.*

*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.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Luke 24.36-53

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them 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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Nunc Dimittis

Sumsion in G

*LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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

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.**

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.**

Anthem He Watching Over Israel

Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shoudst Thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

Prayer for 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.**

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

Hymn 27 The Day Thou Gavest

*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*

*As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.*

*We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping
And rests not now by day or night.*

*The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our faithful 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.*

*So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.*

POSTLUDE

Reader: Dinah Bristowe

Singers: Lesley Bouza, Heather Fleming, Jerome Chang, Alan Macdonald

Technician: Gerry Hill

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.

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.

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