



**Church of St. John the Evangelist  
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**Sunday, October 25, 2020  
11am**

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome and Announcements

*Quartet and clergy enter.*

*Stand as you are able.*

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

- Psalm 96. 9.

Introit                    **A New Commandment**                    R. Shephard

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.

*Kneel as you are able.*

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 said by the congregation.*

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.**

*Stand as you are able.*

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.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

Venite, Exultemus Domino - Psalm 95 - Quartet

*Come, let us sing unto the Lord: / let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.*

*In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.*

*The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.*

*O come, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

*For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to

him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

### **Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 - Quartet**

*Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou are God from everlasting, and world without end.  
Thou turnest man back to the dust, and thou sayest, 'Return, ye children of men.'  
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.  
Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass that growth up.  
In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down and withered.  
So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.  
Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.  
O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.  
Comfort us again according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.  
Show thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.*

### **Second Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your

feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

### **Jubilate - Psalm 100 - Quartet**

*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.*

*Stand as you are able.*

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 said by the congregation.*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

*Kneel as you are able.*

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 and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

Hymn sung by Quartet      Love Divine

Sermon      Rev'd Paul Walker

Anthem      The Secret of Christ      R. Shephard

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

*Kneel as you are able.*

#### 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.**

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

Postlude *Grand March from Attalid* Felix Mendelssohn

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald M'Timkulu.

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

Sidespeople	John and Diana Spearn, Jane Rapp
Readers	Laura Robertson, Walter Langford
Quartet	Audrey Coates, Heather Fleming, Jerome Chang, Matt Oxley
Video Technicians	Rod Murray, Steve Hornett

***We ask that you remain in your seats and wait***  
*for a Sidesperson to signal to you that is safe to exit the building.*  
*In order to maintain safe physical distance*  
*it is important to follow the direction of the Sidesperson.*  
*Please exit the building through the south door*  
*on Henderson Street (accessible doors).*

*Thank you for your participation today.*  
*We hope that you feel safe, connected to others, and spiritually grounded.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 25, 2020**

### **Attending In-Person**

Every Friday afternoon the Reopening Team meets to review the past Sunday, suggest any changes to help us gather safely, and prepare for the next Sunday. If you register EARLY in the week, that helps in our planning for Sunday. You can register online before Friday; or by telephone before Wednesday.

### **St. John's Liturgy Online**

This week we launched a new resource called "Choral Thursdays." Every Thursday John and the members of the Parish Choir are releasing a piece of liturgical or sacred music that is a

composite pre-recording assembled from their respective homes this autumn. It is available on the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel and Facebook page for you to enjoy and share with friends. May it bring you as much consolation and inspiration as it does for those who create it. This Wednesday we offer Morning Prayer online.

### **Book Study**

Copies of the book, "Why Are We Here: Meditations on Canada" by Mary Jo Leddy (2019) are available for pick up today. You can pay for a copy (\$12) through your usual method of Givings.

### **Niagara Anglican Family Hub**

Today Judy is participating with a diocesan resource to provide a program for families and children. Judy is offering a livestream Godly Play session from the Parish Centre for families and children from across the diocese to engage with the story live online through comments and participation from home. This resource is offered weekly from different locations across the diocese, and we are honoured to host it again from St. John's Elora.

### **Anglican Family Hub Virtual Halloween Party**

For information on participating in a Halloween Party for children ages 4-16 years old, on Friday October 30, 6:30 to 7:30pm, contact Sarah Bird at [sarah.bird@niagaraanglican.ca](mailto:sarah.bird@niagaraanglican.ca)

### **Feast of All Saints and All Souls**

Next Sunday we celebrate a Requiem Mass for All Saints and All Souls. If you have loved ones who have died in the past 12 months whose funeral or burial arrangements were not with St. John's, and you would like their names included in the prayers, please contact the Rector with their name(s) and date(s) of death by email or telephone. This is a wonderful way to remember that we are connected to the communion of saints in light. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

### **Synod Online**

Saturday November 7 clergy and lay members of Synod will gather online with the Bishop and diocesan staff through Zoom to participate in the 146th session of Synod in the Diocese and the first ever online. The theme is "Seeing with the Eyes of our Hearts," inspired by Ephesians 1:15-19. The theme gives us the opportunity to give thanks for how parishes have been led with heart through the pandemic. At the same time, it also orients our Synod towards the future as we continue to live into our diocesan Mission Action Plan (MAP) and explore new and emerging avenues for mission. Pray for Paul, Judy, Thomas, and Ian as they attend on behalf of St. John's.