

Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

Order of Service

A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

Pentecost VII ~ Sunday, July 11, 2021

Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the generosity, prayers and faithfulness of St. John's members, friends and supporters over this past year.

Prelude Praeludium in g minor Dietrich Buxtehude

Played on the 1643 Bader Organ ~ Zutphen, The Netherlands

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Almighty God,
All you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are
 restless until they find their rest in you. May we find
 peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you
 face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
 and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
 and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant
All

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Gospeller
People

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

Gospeller

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Mark 6: 14-29

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily/
Reflection The Reverend Canon Richard Dentinger

The Prayers of the People

Intercessions, Thanksgivings and Memorial Prayers Offered

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you.**

Hymn # 732 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
(Music for Eucharist - The Great Thanksgiving)

Setting by Richard Proulx

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Father,
All your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.
Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your
peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer 3 – Canada

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. **¶¶¶**

All **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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.” ♫

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.” ♫

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament

of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

Celebrant We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,
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.

Celebrant I invite you in the silence of your own hearts
to make your own act of communion with Christ.

Prayers of Reception

People **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.

A Children's Prayer of Reception

People **Jesus, you remind us in bread and wine that you are near**

to us. Bring me nearer to you every day, and let me carry you in my heart, to share your love with the world you made. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Living God,
***All* in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer for St. John's Church

Celebrant Gracious God,
***All* in Jesus you call humanity to reconciliation and wholeness. You call us to love you, to love one another, and to walk humbly with you. May our ministries at St. John's reflect your compassion and mercy, your wisdom and justice, your generosity and welcome to all. May all we say and do reflect your abundance and your grace. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant May the Father,
 who fed his children with manna in the wilderness,
 strengthen you in your pilgrimage to the Promised Land.
***All* Amen.**

Celebrant May the Son,
 who gave his flesh for food and his blood for drink,
 keep you in eternal life and raise you up on the last day.
***All* Amen.**

Celebrant May the Holy Spirit,
 who leads us into all truth,
 help you discern the Lord's body
 and empower you to proclaim his death until he comes.
***All* Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude **Chaconne in g minor** *Dietrich Buxtehude*

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Territorial Acknowledgement

Saint John's Church acknowledges that the land upon which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.