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Opening Hymn	Oct. 8	3	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>
	Oct. 15	465	<i>Here in This Place</i>
	Oct. 22	505	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
	Oct. 29	528	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Almighty God

All: **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.**

Hymn: 365 *Glory to God on High*

The Collect of the Day

October 8th
Giving and forgiving God,
you created the good earth and blessed it.
Give us glad and generous hearts,
that we may rejoice and give thanks for
the abundance of your creation,
the depths of your mercy,
and your care for all. Amen.

October 15th
God of all who wander in the wilderness,
you go before us as beacon and guide.
Lead us through all danger,
sustain us through all desolation,
and bring us home to the land
you have prepared for us. Amen.

October 22nd
 You know each of us by name, O God,
 and in your sight we have found favour,
 yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory
 or the vastness of your love.
 Grant that as we glimpse your greatness,
 reflected in your many gifts,
 we may always return to you
 the praise that is yours alone.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

October 29th
 Holy One,
 you planted us by living water,
 that we might be rooted in righteousness.
 You call us to be holy as you are holy.
 Assured of your love,
 help us to cast aside all fear,
 that we may love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading	Oct. 8	Deuteronomy 8:7-18
	Oct. 15	Exodus 32:1-14
	Oct. 22	Exodus 33:12-23
	Oct. 29	Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading	Oct. 8	2 Corinthians 9:6-15
	Oct. 15	Philippians 4:1-9
	Oct. 22	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
	Oct. 29	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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Gradual Hymn	Oct. 8	412	<i>O God, Beyond All Face and Form</i>
	Oct. 15	318	<i>Rejoice Today With One Accord</i>
	Oct. 22	177	<i>A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord</i>
	Oct. 29	645	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke/Matthew.
All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel	Oct. 8	Luke 17:11-19
	Oct. 15	Matthew 22:1-14
	Oct. 22	Matthew 22:15-22
	Oct. 29	Matthew 22:34-46

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ
All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed
Please stand as you are able.

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

All: **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 the People

Please sit, stand or kneel as you are comfortable to pray.

Leader: God of love,

All: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

(Silence)

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.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn	Oct. 8	429	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
	Oct. 15	439	<i>Blest Are the Pure In Heart</i>
	Oct. 22	350	<i>Stand Up and Bless the Lord</i>
	Oct. 29	399	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts

All: Creator God,
you made everything, and you provide for every need.
The bread we break and the wine we pour
come from you.
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,
fill us with your love;
let that love flow through us to others;
and join us to the saints before us
in a holy and boundless communion;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In fulfillment of your promise
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
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, 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

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the People

All who wish to draw closer to the love of Christ are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's. If you do not wish to have Communion, please cross your arms in front of your chest so that you may receive a blessing instead. Children are welcome at Holy Communion. If you do not wish to drink directly from the chalice, you may receive the bread.

Communion Hymns	Oct. 8	66 <i>And Now O Father, Mindful of the Love</i> 58 <i>O Christ Was a Good Guest</i> 405 <i>Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks</i> 65 <i>Here Lord, We Take the Broken Bread</i>
	Oct. 15	61 <i>As We Gather At Your Table</i> 569 <i>Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life</i> 80 <i>We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus</i> 401 <i>My Life Flows On</i>
	Oct. 22	52 <i>O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near</i> 522 <i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i> 166 <i>We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding</i> 67 <i>God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living</i>
	Oct. 29	59 <i>Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him</i> 553 <i>Ubi Caritas et Amor</i> 73 <i>One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All</i> 494 <i>Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels</i>

Prayer After Communion

All: Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

The Doxology (*sung*)

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

The Blessing

Birthdays & Anniversaries Prayer

All: God, we thank you for your servants who are celebrating a special event in their lives. Grant that the year ahead may be one of newness and hope and joyful surprises. May your love and truth light their path and their lives grow more fully into yours. Bless them this day and for the year ahead. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn	Oct. 8	502 <i>You Are Salt</i>
	Oct. 15	379 <i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>
	Oct. 22	575 <i>Let Streams of Living Justice</i>
	Oct. 29	380 <i>O Worship the King</i>

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace. Sound the good news!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Please join us in the upper hall for coffee and conversation following today's service.



*Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God
in loving memory of Ian Dunlop
from the family.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leslie will be on vacation October 1-16 inclusive. For pastoral emergencies please contact Linda 905-332-4436 or Don 905-331-2388

St. John's Mid-week Eucharist

Wednesdays at noon.

ON HOLD DURING VACATION - WILL RESUME OCTOBER 18th

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING – Old electronics may be dropped off in the upper parking lot Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. For pick up of large or heavy items contact Christine Lodge at 905-335-3813.

GIFT BASKET ASSEMBLY DAY – Tuesday, Nov. 7th, lower hall. All welcome! We are in need of items to create small teachers or hostess type gift baskets. Suggestions are: individual serving sizes or small packs of coffee, tea, cocoa, almonds, chocolate bars, 3 packs of Lindor or Ferrero Rocher chocolates, cookies such as Walker's shortbread, Cadbury fingers or Loacker wafers, small boxes of chocolates. Also needed: attractive paper napkins, contained candles, bath & nailcare items, wrapped soaps, "scrubbies" and washcloths.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – a Christmas party is being held for disabled children/youth (to age 18) by an anonymous donor. It takes place on Dec. 10 from 1-4 p.m. at the Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum. If you know of anyone that would be interested in attending and to establish appropriate gender/age gifts from Santa, please register by contacting the office or Marilyn Husted at 905-336-7075.

ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM – Country Heritage Park - 8560 Tremaine Road, Milton. December 1, 2, and 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission: 5 and under free, Children 6-12 \$2, 13 and up \$5. For more info see flyer on lower hall bulletin board or www.onthewaytobethlehem.ca. We are considering a bus trip for this event if we have enough interest. Please see Linda Frappe.

CHRISTMAS MARKET MEMO

Saturday, November 25, 2017

If you would like to assist this year, please contact Pat Biggar or Denise Gaade or the co-ordinator of the area in which you would like to assist.

LUNCH ROOM: Bev Gaskell 905-333-8158. Sign-up sheets for sandwiches, squares and other goodies will be available closer to the date.

KNITTING & HANDICRAFTS: Diane Green 905-336-0871. All donations of knitted items, sewing or other handcrafted treasures appreciated. Scarves, hats, mittens, baby sets, doll clothes, handmade toys and knitted dishcloths are a few of the popular items.

ATTIC TREASURES: Nancy Alexander 289-313-0858 or Ruth Crompton 905-637-9796. Gently used items are on the wish list for this table. Adult & children's books, household items, CDs & LPs, collectibles & whimsical treasures are among best sellers in this area. This is not a garage sale – no large items please.

BAKE TABLE: Rosalind & Peter Jones 905-335-4325 or Joan Cochrane 905-335-6086. Please remember to make extra preserves and pickles for the market! Cookies, squares, candy, pies, cakes and other delectable goodies will all be gratefully received for the table that is always the first to sell out.

NOTE: For those making preserves, jars are available in the kitchen and Bell Tower. Help yourself!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: Christine Gibson 905-336-3513. Any Christmas items, including decorations and crafts will be a welcome addition to this "Stall for the Season."

GIFT GALLERY: Flo Thompson 905-319-3023. Any **new** gift items, such as toiletries, fancy glassware, artwork or anything which would be a nice hostess gift, "Secret Santa" gift, etc.

SILENT AUCTION: Don Stewart 905-905-331-2388. New items, small antiques or memorabilia are desirable items for this table. Gift certificates and event tickets greatly appreciated!

**Please leave items in the Bell Tower
or in the kitchenette (behind Rector's Office) in the lower hall.**