



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*April 14, 2024
11:00 am*

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs are available from the Greeters at the back of the church.

St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldimand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty; all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.

Processional Hymn 205 The Day of Resurrection

Ellacombe

1. The day of resurrection!

*Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.*

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,

*that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain his own
"All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.*

*3. Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth her song begin;
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.*

"Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no longer hath dominion over him. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. "

- Romans 6:9

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.

(you may kneel or sit for prayer)

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.**

Introit Peace I Leave With You

Amy Beach

Responses are sung.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

All: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

(please stand)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

All: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Canticle Venite

(remain standing)

O 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.*

Lesson 1 Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Psalm 4

(Congregation remain seated)

Here me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
O ye mortals, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour,
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood.
Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself his people;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.
There be many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than others have when their grain and wine increase.
I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Lesson II Luke 24.36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples 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."

Canticle Jubilate

Harold Darke

*O 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:
it is 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.*

(Please stand)

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;
All: **And with thy spirit.**
Minister: Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit for prayer)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
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;
All: **And grant us thy salvation.**
Minister: O Lord, save the King;
All: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Minister: O Lord, save thy people;
All: **And bless thine inheritance.**
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
All: **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Mitte manum tuam

James MacMillan

Stretch out your hand
and feel the place of the nails, alleluia.
and be not faithless, but believing. Alleluia.

Homily William Ogara

Offertory Hymn 467 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Song 34

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome.

*1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.*

*3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command
and offer all my works to thee.*

*2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.*

*4. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day.*

*5. for thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world, and those in need.
(you may kneel or sit)

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.

Recessional Hymn 211 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Vulpus

*1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad new we bring:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*3. Praise we in song of victory that love,
that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*2. The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE Plein Jeux

L N Clérambault

The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Reinhardt Kusserow, the gift of his wife Helen.

Coffee, tea, and sweets are served in Thompson Hall.

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Kate Helsen, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Jennifer Krabbe, Audrey Coates
Flower Guild	Barbara Dunsmore

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

- 6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

Tuesday

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:30 Volunteer Choir
- 7:30 TRC Reading Group (Zoom)

Wednesday

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters
- 10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

- 3:00 Corporation (Zoom)
- 7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

- 10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Sunday April 21 - Fourth Sunday of EASTER

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir
- 11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

Welcome to St. John's Elora

Welcome

Please fill out a "Welcome" card in the pew and return it to the clergy. To learn more about St. John's through the Pastoral Letter sent from the Rector every Saturday, send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Guest Speaker

Today we welcome William and Beryl Ogara, friends of St. John's from Kenya.

William was a Board member of PWRDF until about 10 years ago. St. John's has given full scholarships to his twin nieces, HIV orphans. They graduated in 2015, Angie in accounting and Leah in law. When William's first wife, Anna, had was receiving cancer treatments in India St. John's helped with some of their expenses.

William is a C.A. by training, was CEO of a management training centre for African church workers for many years, is treasurer for the Anglican Church of Kenya, and continues to play a leadership role in Kenyan and African church life.

Did you Know?

Over Holy Week, we welcomed 581 people through our doors.

Raise Funds for St. John's

The Parish Council approved the idea of establishing a new fund raising team and Margaret Johnson, a member of Parish Council, offered to provide leadership for this team.

The Wardens have identified four special projects in alliance with our vision priorities: improved mics for the live-stream audio, a new website, chancel lights, and listening assist devices.

To learn more or be a part of this team [contact Margaret Johnson by email](#).

Thinking about Baptism

If you know of someone who is thinking about baptism please let the Rector know. Baptism is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

Bible Study on St. Matthew

A new Bible Study series on the gospel of Matthew will begin on Monday April 22, 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Please join us.

TRC Reading and Reflection Group - Tuesday April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Learn more about the 94 Calls to Action. We meet on Zoom and the link is provided in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

Song Circle - Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Stan Litch leads an informal time of singing some old tunes. It's a fun and informal time together of singing and stories. All are welcome.

Concert - Sunday April 28 at 3:15 p.m.

Bach Meditations, Cantata 12, the St. John's Parish Choir with Baroque ensemble. Admission by donation at the door.

Elora Children's Choir - Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

If you have children who are interested in the joining the Elora Children's Choir, part of our musical outreach program at St. John's, please contact Kate Wright in the Parish Choir or leave a message for her in the Parish office.

Flower Arranging Workshop - Saturday May 25, 1:00 p.m.

Damaris Martin and Dawn McClure are offering a flower arranging workshop for up to 8 people in the Parish Centre. Cost is \$15 per person. Vases will be displayed at the Coronation Evensong and Tea on May 26, and then you can take your arrangement home. Space is limited, so register today by contacting Dawn or Damaris through the Parish office.

Patronal Festival - Feast of St. John the Evangelist**Sunday May 5**

If you willing to contribute something to the luncheon following the Patronal Festival please [contact Thomas Littlewood](#) at parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Bishop's Company Dinner**Tuesday May 7**

This is the first Bishop's Company Dinner held since the pandemic. The Bishop's Company raises funds to allow the Bishop to provide resources to theological students and support to clergy and their families in transition or crisis. There will be a special dinner at the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Bishop will interview Rev'd Michael Coren, priest, author, and columnist. If you are interested in supporting a St. John's table of 8 guests, please contact the Rector.

Coronation Evensong and Garden Tea**Sunday May 26 at 4:00 p.m.**

Let me know if you are willing to coordinate the Garden Tea event.

Pastoral Emergencies

The Rector will be on holiday April 15-22. During this time in the event of a pastoral emergency please contact Rev'd John Lockyer. You can leave a message for Fr. John at 519-846-5911 or email at anglican@rogers.com.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church).