



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, April 23, 2023

11am

Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hearing assist devices, prayer books and hymn books
are available at the back of the church.*

This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's Elora You Tube.

Introit O Sacred Feast

Healey Willan

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is renewed in us,
our souls are filled with grace,
and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

Processional Hymn 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

Warrington

*1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.*

*3. Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.*

*2. For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come,
and going, take thee to their home.*

*4. Lord, we are few; but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!*

“Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; and make our hearts burn within us as we speak.”

- See Luke 24.32

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.**

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 2.14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you

crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116.1-4, 12-18

(Congregation remain seated)

My delight is in the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The cords of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the Name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.'

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant:

I am thy servant and the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Even in the courts of the Lord's house, and in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Lesson II Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they

were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jubilate Deo

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.

Minister: OUR Father

All: **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.**

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 *Abendlied*

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger

Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 377 To the Name of our Salvation

Oriel

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

*1. To the name of our salvation,
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud today.*

*3. 'Tis the name that who so preaches
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches
finds its comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches,
heavenly joy possesses here.*

*2. Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.*

*4. Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, when e'er assaulted,
we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted,
eyes to blind and feet to lame.*

*5. Therefore we in love adoring,
this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring
so to write it in us here
that hereafter heavenward soaring,
we may sing with angels there.*

Closing Prayers for the community, 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 467 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Song 34

*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.*

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary in D

John Stanley

You are invited to join in conversation over a cup of tea or coffee in Thompson Hall.

Choir Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean

Greeters Maureen MacIntyre, Jane Anne Murray

Readers Charlotte Logan, Emily Burnett

Technician Gerry Hill

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.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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Welcome to St. John's

We are delighted you are here today. If you wish to learn more about St. John's, or want to enquire about baptism or confirmation, or receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

"What We Say We Believe"

Mondays at 2:00. If you want to learn more about our liturgies, creeds and where some of these texts came from join a group on Monday afternoons for some conversation and learning in the Parish Centre.

We are presently exploring baptismal rites.

The Song Circle

Join some enthusiastic singers at a drop-in gathering on Friday mornings in the Parish Centre at 10:30. No experience necessary. Just some old favourite tunes to share. Lyrics provided.

Requests encouraged. Contact Stan Litch for more information at <ukestan6116@gmail.com> or 519 843 5915.

Compline

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on May 2, June 6.

If you want to sing in the Compline Choir, let Patrick Murray know and join the rehearsal at 6:30 on the day of the service.

Evensongs

Last Sunday of the month. April 30 at 4:00 to celebrate the Feast of St. Philip and St. James.

May 28 will be a festive Evensong offered in thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III followed by a Garden Tea outside. You are welcome to wear garden tea attire, hats or fascinators. Contact Pam Gradwell if you can help with the tea, coffee, cakes or sandwiches.

Keep in touch about Music at St. John's

To receive monthly updates about musical events at St. John's, please contact Patrick Murray.

Patronal Festival and Coronation Lunch

Sunday May 7 - We are celebrating the Coronation and the Feast of St. John the Evangelist with a special parish lunch hosted outside on the lawn under gazebo tents, weather permitting. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to indicate if you can help with set up, clean up, and bringing sweets, cakes or sandwiches. This is a community event and all are welcome. Contact Bob Cooper for more information.

Food Bank

With the rising cost of food, it is estimated that one in eight households in our community are experiencing food insecurity. The Centre Wellington Food Bank in Fergus is there to help. There is a hamper in the narthex where you can deposit donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

May Recital

Saturday May 13 at 3pm.

"Just Her Cup of Tea: Sweet Songs to Celebrate Mum" featuring Autumn Debassige, mezzo-soprano from the Parish Choir, Angus Sinclair, piano. No tickets required, donations always welcome to support our music program.

Financial Report

Extract from accounts for the 3 months to 31st March 2023.

Income comprised -

Actual Budget

Offerings 43,772 45,000

Choir 13,870 15,000

Concert Series 9,780 9,500

Facilities Hire 1,045 1,050

Invest Fund 28,975 28,975

TOTAL 97,442 99,525

As you can see, our income is running fairly close to Budget. Our expenses too are a little under Budget and so our 'bottom line' deficit is where we expected to be at this stage in the year.

- Andrew Hirst, Treasurer

Way to Give to St. John's:

- Pre-Authorized Giving - forms available at the back of the church

- Offering Envelopes - contact Thomas Littlewood

- E-Transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Elora Festival Book Sale

May 5-7

Donations of books can be left in the depot shed at 380 St. Andrew Street West in Fergus at any time. The shed is emptied each day so books are sorted and priced. For further information contact the Elora Festival office at 519-846-0331.

This Week at St. John's

Monday	1:00	Funeral Service for Bishop Waler Asbil, St.George's Church St.Catharines
	2:00	"What We Say We Believe" (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:30	Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Sunday April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Communion with Quartet

4:00 Evensong for the Feast of St. Philip and St. James with Parish Choir