



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, June 18, 2023

11am

*Third Sunday after Trinity
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
National Indigenous Day of Prayer*

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

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

Processional Hymn 239 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

St. Albinus

1. *Jesus lives! Thy terrors now*

can no more, O death, appal us.

Jesus lives! By this we know thou,

O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluia!

3. *Jesus lives! For us he died;*

then, alone to Jesus living,

pure in heart may we abide,

glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

2. *Jesus lives! Henceforth is death*

but the gate of life immortal;

this shall calm our trembling breath

when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!

4. *Jesus lives! Our hearts know well*

nought from us his love shall sever;

life, not death, nor powers of hell

tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!

"O sing to the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things."

- Psalm 98.1

(Be seated)

Introit Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Atwood

(Please stand)

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

Barnby

(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 Genesis 21.8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Psalm 86.1-10, 16,17

(Congregation remain seated)

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; for I am poor and needy.

Preserve thou my soul, for I am godly: save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

Thou art my God; be merciful unto me, O Lord; for all the day long do I call upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; there is not one that can do as thou doest.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy Name.

For thou art great and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me;

give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thy handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because thou, Lord, hast helped me, and comforted me.

Lesson II Matthew 10.24-39

Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they

malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Jubilate Deo in C

Stanford

*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.**

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.**

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

O God, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through 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 Let the Peace of Christ Dwell in Your Hearts

David Hurd

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 328 Lo, God is Here! Let Us Adore

St. Catherine

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

*1.Lo, God is here! Let us adore
and own how awesome is this place;
let all within us feel God's power
and bow before the hidden face.
Redeeming Lord, your grace we prove,
serve you with awe, with reverence love.*

*2.Lo, God is here! Both day and night
united choirs of angels sing;
to God, enthroned above all height,
heaven's host their noblest praises bring; disdain not,
Lord, our meaner song,
who praise you with a stammering tongue.*

*3. Being of beings, may our praise
your courts with grateful fragrance fill;
still may we stand before your face,
still hear and do your sovereign will;
to you may all our thoughts arise,
ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.*

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 431 Take Up Your Cross

Breslau

1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

3. Take up your cross, not heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your hears, and nerve your arm.

4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Postlude

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Quartet Rebecca McKay, Caroline Schmidt, Lanny Fleming, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky
Readers Susan Brown, Dinah Bristowe

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 receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Lemonade on Canada Day

On Canada Day we are serving lemonade and cookies once again at the finish line of the soap box derby outside the Parish Centre on Geddes Street. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the church to indicate your participation for this annual community event.

OPEN DOORS PROJECT UPDATE

The Project Team offered some information updates and opportunity for conversation on the status of the Open Doors project last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who participated in a very constructive time.

This week there will be an opportunity at the Knitters and Quilters and the Friday Song Circle.

If you would like information and cannot attend an update session, please let us know. You can speak to one of the Wardens: Pam Gradwell, Jeff Ostic, Jane Houlding or Jon Warland; or the Project Team Co-Chairs: Peter Barr or Colleen Murray.

Thank you for A Choral Celebration

Thank you to Patrick, Jurgen and all the members of the Parish Choir and Kate Wright and the new Kid's Choir for such a wonderful choral celebration last Sunday afternoon. Thank you to the Parish Choir for all your commitment this past year. Thank you to Jurgen and the Volunteer Choir for a very successful season of singing at the 9am liturgy; and to Patrick for all the musical outreach events this year. We have been inspired.

To support the Parish Choir and musical outreach events from St. John's, you are invited to make a donation to "St. John's" memo "Choir Fund" or speak to Patrick about helping to sponsor one of our special events or choral commissions in the future.

The Song Circle

FRIDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Good news is spreading about the weekly Song Circle led by Stan Litch on ukulele. Come and join us to sing some favourite tunes on Friday mornings at 10:30 in the Parish Centre. No experience required to attend.

Lyrics provided. We will continue to meet weekly during July, taking a break for August then be back raring to go come September.

Elora Festival

The Elora Festival opens on Friday July 7 through to July 16. The Elora Singers are in residence for Choral Matins on Sunday July 7 and 16 at 11 a.m., and for Choral Evensong on Thursday July 13 to 5:00 p.m. The guest preacher on July 13 is The Very Rev'd Dr. Tim Dobbin, Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral and Dean of Niagara. Brochures of other concerts and events during the Elora Festival are available at the back of the church.

Summer Newsletter

There will be an issue of the parish newsletter, "Common Supplications", published mid July. Please send any submissions to Thomas at parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com before July 14.

Parking

[Maps](#) indicating streets with designated parking spots are available on the [Centre Wellington website](#) and at the back of the church.

When parking in undesignated spots, please **do not park** within 1m of a driveway, 3m of a fire hydrant, or 9m of an intersection.

Do not park anywhere on or near Victoria Crescent. Limited parking on Moir Street.

If you have any questions about parking, [please refer to the information on the Centre Wellington site](#).

Food Bank

Bring non-perishable food items to the food hamper in the narthex of the church for the Food Bank.

This Week at St. John's

Monday 7:00 Bible Study at Portage
Wednesday 9:30 Knitters and Quilters
10:00 Holy Communion
3:00 PWRDF Meeting (Parish Centre)

Friday 10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Saturday - CANADA DAY

9:00 Lemonade and Cookies on the Lawn

Sunday July 2 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Communion