



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

August 6, 2023

11:00 am

*Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's

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

Processional Hymn 381 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise My Soul

*1.Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.*

*3.Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.*

*2.Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia glorious in his faithfulness.*

*4.Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on,
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(congregation may be seated or kneel)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Lesson Genesis 32.22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 17.1-7, 16 (said responsively)

Hear the right, O Lord, consider my complaint,
and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;
and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is right.

Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season; thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me;
for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips
I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.

My steps have held fast to thy paths,
and my feet have not slipped.

I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me:
incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee,
from such as resist thy right hand.

But as for me, I shall behold thy presence in righteousness;
and when I awake, I shall be satisfied with thy likeness.

(please stand)

GOSPEL Matthew 14.13-21

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 14th chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 13th verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Solo The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

HOMILY Rev'd John Lockyer

Offertory Hymn 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

St. Flavian

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

*1. O God, unseen yet ever near,
your presence may we feel;
and thus, inspired with holy fear,
around your table kneel.*

*3. We come, obedient to your word,
to feast on heavenly food,
to eat the body of the Lord,
and drink his precious blood.*

*2. Here may your faithful people
know the blessings of your love,
the streams that through the desert flow,
the manna from above.*

*4. O living Bread, enduring Vine,
your words we shall obey,
and go, renewed with strength divine,
rejoicing on our way.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"God is love; and whoever abideth in God abideth in love, and God in them. – 1 John 4:16

INTERCESSIONS (You may kneel or sit for prayer)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples of Canada. Let us pray for all who need our prayers today, and all who have died in the peace of Christ.

Leader: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: and grant unto thy servant Charles our King, thy peaceable wisdom, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Linda, our Primate, and Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in thy mercy.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.....Lord, in thy mercy.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God,

***All:* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All:* Amen.**

Leader: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:
This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.
If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

All: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Cantor: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his

disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he give it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: And with thy Spirit.

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Singer: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the singing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.
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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.**

And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

Hymn 424 Sing Praises to God

The Vicar of Bray

1.Sing praise to God on mountain tops and in earth's lowest places, from blue lagoon to polar waste, from ocean to oasis. No random rock produced this world, but God's own will and wonder. Thus hills rejoice and valley sing and clouds concur with thunder.

3.Sing praise to God where fishes swim and birds fly in formation, where animals of every kind diversify creation. All life that finds its home on earth is meant to be respected. Let nothing threaten, for base ends, what God through grace perfected.

2.Sing praise to God where grasses grow and flowers display their beauty where nature weaves her myriad web through love as much as duty. The seasons in their cycle speak of earth's complete provision. Let nothing mock inherent good, nor treat it with derision.

4.Sing praise to God where humankind its majesty embraces. Where different races, creeds, and tongues distinguish different faces. God's image in each child of earth shall never pale or perish. So treat with love each human soul, and thus God's goodness cherish.

POSTLUDE

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for 68 years of marriage for Heather and Norman and also for Norman's 93rd birthday, the gift of Heather and Norman Morris; also in loving memory of David Rogers, the gift of family.

Singer	Alan Macdonald
Greeters	Maureen MacIntyre, Jane Anne Murray
Readers	Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Chalice Bearer	Thomas Littlewood
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Thomas Littlewood
Flower Guild	Nancy Knudstrup

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 Haldemand 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.

Welcome to St. John's Elora

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We are delighted you are here today. 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 Please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave.

Thank you to the Rev. John Lockyer for celebrating the liturgies while the Rector is away, until September 3. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Thomas Littlewood at parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com or Fr John at anglican@rogers.com. You may also contact the church office at 519-846-5911. Patrick is also away for a few weeks.

Barbara "Barrie" Maxwell

Barrie Maxwell died in the peace of Christ overnight Wednesday-Thursday. She was a longtime parishioner at St John's but her health prevented her from being in church in her later years. She was well known for her leadership in the kitchen putting on many parish dinners and events. Opportunities to gather and remember Barrie are still being confirmed.

Elora Children's Choir

The Elora Children's Choir, under the direction of Kate Wright, welcomes children ages 8 and up to come to sing in September. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Men's Dinner, Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00PM

After a very long hiatus we are in a position to restart the Men's night supper and speaker events. Our first speaker this season will be Fred Thompson who will wax eloquently about his 8month trip by VW Beetle, overland, from Sweden to Japan – so fasten your seatbelts for a great story and adventure. Supper will be prepared by Steve Truchan and the recommended fee will be \$30 per person. This is a significant increase since our last meeting 4 years ago, however, inflation has impacted the cost of everything.

Please email me at ihornsby0@gmail.com to confirm numbers by Monday August 28, Ian is also happy to receive suggestions for speakers.

Sunday Hospitality in the Fall

We are preparing the schedule for Sunday hospitality hosts for the fall. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Please see Ken Edwards for more information.

Safe Church

We are renewing our call to ensure that St John's is a Safe Church. To that end, between now and the end of September, all volunteers and staff at St John's will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of the Diocese of Niagara's Safe Church Policy. If you have received the Safe Church Policy via email from Thomas, and are ready to

sign your acknowledgement of it, please let him know. If you did not receive a copy of the Safe Church Policy, and you think you should have, please let Thomas know as well: parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com or call 519-846-5911.

New Organ Console

The process of dismantling our present organ console has begun.

The new 3 manual organ console, acquired last fall, will start to be installed in the coming weeks by Derek Verveer and his crew at Oxford Organs. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Jurgen Petrenko. Jurgen is always happy to talk about the organ!

Culture Days in Centre Wellington

Ontario Culture Days, September 22 to October 15, is an annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage. It features many creative events and activities across Ontario, with a hub of events featured in Elora and Fergus. See the all events that are highlighted for [Culture Days in Elora/Fergus](#) and scroll down the list to see the events offered this year from St. John's Elora.

Here's one event in our community that may interest you:

[String Theory Yarn Shop](#) in Fergus invites you to contribute left over and spare acrylic balls of yarn. Anyone is invited to knit or crochet squares and deliver them to String Theory Shop in Fergus before August 31st. You are also invited to come to assemble the squares together anytime after August 15th to help make a large outdoor instalment to adorn the pedestrian bridge on County Road 18 in Aboyne. After it is dismantled, it will be made into blanket size panels and donated to animal shelters. Whether you are experienced or a beginner, you are invited to participate.

A Memorial to mark TRC DAY

The Knitters and Quilters invite you to help create a memorial of orange feathers to mark TRC DAY on September 30. Connected to the theme of orange ribbons tied to trees, this year anyone is invited to make weather-proof ten inch orange feathers to attach to trees and adorn the church doorways. Supplies and instructions are provided. This public instalment will be a memorial to the children who did not return home and a symbol of our commitment to learn more about reconciliation. To participate in the Orange Feather Project come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday morning or [contact Barb Dunsmore](#) for more information.

Food Insecurity

Bring non perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank. A Community Lunch is offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Elora Legion.

A Vision for St. John's Elora: Open Doors

St John's is working on a project to connect the church and the Parish Centre (the yellow house next door) to provide accessible washrooms, barrier-free meeting and reception space, and a commercial kitchen to help serve the needs of our growing community. We are in the planning stages currently, and hope to have regulatory approvals by the end of the year. Story boards and information brochures are available at the back of the church. We are excited about the future this project will bring to our community and welcome your feedback and support.

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)

Parking

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

Events This Week at St. John's

Sunday August 6 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 Holy Eucharist
11:00 Choral Communion
7:00 Trinity Bach Project Summer Ensemble

Monday

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters
10:00 Holy Communion

Sunday August 13 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 Holy Eucharist
11:00 Choral Communion

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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