



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, September 24, 2023

11am

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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.

Introit I Will Wash My Hands

David Hurd

Hymn 380 O Worship the King

Hanover

*1. O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.*

*4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.*

*2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.*

*3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall ring to thy praise.*

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

- Psalm 98.1

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 Exodus 16.2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45

(Congregation remain seated)

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the peoples what things he hath done.
O let your songs be of him and praise him; and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.
Rejoice in his holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore.
Remember the marvellous works that he hath done,
his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;
O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen.
But he brought forth his own people with silver and gold;
and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
Egypt was glad at their departing, for they were afraid of them.
He spread out a cloud to be a covering, and fire to give light in the night-season.
At their desire he brough quails, and filled them with the bred of heaven.
He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out, so that rivers ran in the dry places.
For why? he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.
And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness;
And gave them the lands of the nations, and they took the labours of the peoples in possession;
That they might keep his statutes, and observe his laws.

Lesson II Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Benedictus (*Dorian Service*)

Thomas Tallis

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of holy prophets, which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would grant us
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was at the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

(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 said.

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 Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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 Beati quorum via

Charles Villiers Stanford

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Homily Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

St. Osmund

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

*1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead, thou alone,
our strong defender, liftest up thy people's
head. Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!*

*3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine
angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, we in worship join with them.*

*2. Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.*

*4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.*

*5. Life imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia risen, ascended, glorified!*

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 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

*1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

Postlude

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barecca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Readers	Mark Haslett, Jane Houlding
Flowers	Damaris Martin
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.

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.

Parish Retreat Day

Saturday October 21, 10:00 to 3:00

You are invited to attend the annual parish retreat for a time of reflection, prayer and fellowship. This year Canon Drew Macdonald is our guest speaker addressing the theme of "Stages of Faith." Drew is a retired priest who led parishes in the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, and Nova Scotia and PEI, and worked as Chaplain at Ridley College. This is a rare opportunity for the parish to be together and hear some updates on parish activities and our vision and be encouraged in our lives of faith.

Held at the Wellington County Museum.

Please sign up at the back of the church or let Thomas know you are attending.

All Things Bright and Beautiful Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated in the sale yesterday. It was a great success. All proceeds support St. John's music program.

Elora Children's Choir

We had a very successful first rehearsal last Monday. Under the direction of Kate Wright we welcome children ages 8 and up to come to sing. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Update on New Organ Console

Another delay! This time the organ builders felt that the varnish on the piston rail was not hard enough, and would quickly wear with normal use. A new product was applied this past week, and the new console will likely be delivered in the coming week. Then it just needs to be hooked up, which is no small task. At this point it seems likely that we will be able to hear the organ again on Thanksgiving. Of course, we are still waiting for the enhanced electronics...

New Audio Mics

As part of our Vision priority of "Musical outreach" four new hanging audio mics were installed to improve our online choral audio quality and create choral audio quality for the choir. We are interested to hear your response to this installation as we review the project with the installer.

Compline – Tuesday October 3

If you wish to participate in the Compline Choir at 6:30 please let Patrick Murray know. The liturgy begins at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Evensongs

In the fall we will hold Evensongs on THURSDAY October 19 and November 23 at 7:30pm. The Parish Choir is also offering an Evensong with the choir from the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Kitchener on Sunday October 15 at 4:00pm at St John's Kitchener.

Song Circle

Fridays at 10:30 in the Parish Centre. Join Stan on ukulele as he leads us in singing some favourite old tunes. Song books provided. Bring your enthusiasm and a friend.

Order of Niagara

Congratulations to Jurgen Petrenko who is to receive the Order of Niagara on Sunday October 29, 4:00 p.m. at Christ's Church Cathedral. Let Thomas know if you are interested in attending the service as we are looking into renting a school bus. There will be a recognition for Jurgen after the 11am service on Sunday November 5.

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.

A Memorial to mark TRC DAY - September 30

The Knitters and Quilters invite you to help create a memorial of orange feathers to mark TRC DAY on September 30. In preparation for the memorial display, congregation members will be invited to attach feathers after church today.

Help Create a Food Secure Centre Wellington

There are several ways to create food security in our community:

- Bring food items to the hamper in the church narthex for Harvest Thanksgiving
- Participate in the Community Lunch program served at the Legion on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.
- Learn about the Mobile Market - talk with Wendy Donohue for more information.
- Help stock the community fridge outside of Geddes Market or volunteer to keep it open. Contact Deb Reynolds for more information.

Memorial Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards memorial flowers in the next few weeks, please leave a message at the church office, as Elaine will be away until October 1.

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)

Diocesan Campaign

Starting on Monday, September 25, a diocesan-wide planning study will launch to gather the feedback of people in every parish across the diocese, about what you believe are most important priorities for our ministries, where you see the Spirit leading the diocese, and to gauge support for a major parish-focused fundraising campaign.

The planning study will include personal interviews, a mail and online survey, and a series of town halls and listening sessions. The diocese is looking forward to hearing your opinions. The Bishop is asking for your help so we can make faithful decisions about a potential fundraising effort.

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

5:30 Elora Children's Choir (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

7:30 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Sunday October 1 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

2:00 Evensong at Christ Church Chapel, Drayton for 150th Anniversary

Guest Preacher: Rev'd Catherine Crawford-Browning

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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