



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario

Harvest Thanksgiving

Choral Mattins

October 8, 2023

11:00am

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hymn books, prayer books, children activity books, hearing assist devices
are available at the back of the church.*

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

Processional Hymn 262 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*1. Come, ye thankful people come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!*

*3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.*

*2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest home.*

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

- Psalm 24.1

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for it becometh well the just to be thankful."

- Psalm 33.1

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 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Psalm 65 *(Congregation remain seated)*

Praise is due to thee, O God, in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and receives, that he may dwell in thy courts. We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation, thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea. Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power; Who stilleth the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid at thy tokens, thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise them. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: thou makest it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their grain, for so thou providest for the earth. Thou waterest her furrows, smoothing the ridges thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blesses the increase of it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip; and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks: the valleys also stand so thick with grain that they laugh and sing.

Lesson II Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's^[b] feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Canticle Jubilate in C

Charles Villiers 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, her mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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 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 Harvest Thanksgiving

O Almighty and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and has given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season: Give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly thank thee for all thy loving-kindness, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; 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 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.

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 342 We Praise You, O God

Kremser

*1. We praise you, O God,
our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.*

*2. We worship you,
God our mothers and fathers;
through trial and tempest companion and guide.
When perils o'er take us,
you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise,
you walk by our side.*

*3. With voices united,
our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sing now confessing,
we pray for your blessing.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.
(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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

*1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*3. All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was is now,
and shall be evermore.*

Postlude Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of my husband Ned and son Steven,
the gift of Elizabeth Hanson

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.

Guest Conductor Catherine Robertson
Choirlea Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi Kate Wright, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Nathalie Nasr, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Marcus Kramer, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters Jane Houlding, Mark Haslett
Readers Michael Chong, Carrie Chong

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

1:30 Service at Heritage River

Sunday October 15 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

*Please join us for coffee, tea
and refreshments downstairs
following the service.*

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 Elora

Welcome to St. John's

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

Parish Retreat Day

Saturday October 21, 10:00 to 3:00

Register online through our website or add your name to the list at the back of the church.

This is a time to be together as a parish for reflection, prayer, fellowship and updates on our Vision. Our guest speaker, Canon Drew Macdonald, will address the topic of "Stages of Faith". We gather in the Aboyne Room at Wellington County Museum.

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. Presently Drew is the Stewardship and Campaign Advisor for the Diocese of Niagara.

Elora Children's Choir

We will not meet this week on Thanksgiving 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

Compline - Tuesday November 7

6:30 - Compline Choir rehearsal. Let Patrick Murray know you are coming.

8:00 - Compline service. All are welcome.

Evensongs

THURSDAY October 19 and November 23 at 7:30pm at St. John's Elora.

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 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Kitchener.

Parish Newsletter

Submissions for the next edition of "Common Supplications" can be sent to Thomas before October 23rd at parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com

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.

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. There will be a reception for Jurgen after the 11am service on Sunday November 5.

Poppy Project 2024

If you would like some yarn to make poppies it is available in the “blue box” outside the door of the Parish Centre. Join us on Wednesdays as we attach poppies for community poppy banners. Weather permitting, we hope to install the poppies at the church on Saturday October 28 in the afternoon.

Culture Days in Centre Wellington

Ontario Culture Days are on through to October 15. There are 98 events in Centre Wellington, four of them at St. John's.

Centre Wellington Municipal Parking Strategy

The township invites your input as they develop a comprehensive plan to address the needs and challenges of parking downtown. Offer your thoughts on the online survey at [Centre Wellington Connect](#).

Harvest Thanksgiving Food Drive

Today we are invited to bring food items to the hamper in the church narthex for a special offering at Harvest Thanksgiving. If you didn't bring a donation today, bring it this week.

Diocesan Campaign

Anyone in a parish can participate in the feasibility study to gather your feedback about support for a diocesan wide major fundraising campaign. This is your opportunity to express your thoughts and opinions.

You can participate in a personal interview, a mail or online survey, or a town hall meeting in Guelph. The diocese is depending on hearing your opinions. Please let me know if you are able to participate.

Memorial Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards memorial flowers for All Souls on November 5, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-846-5911.

Women's Luncheon or Dinner Gathering

Please contact [Pam Gradwell](#) to indicate whether you prefer a lunch or dinner gathering and whether you can participate if we meet downstairs in Thompson Hall.

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)