



*Church of St. John the Evangelist  
Elora, Ontario*

*Choral Evensong  
for Peace*

*October 19, 2023  
7:30 pm*

## 7:30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

*Welcome to St. John's Elora.*

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

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

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*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.*

**Introit: I Sat Down Under his Shadow**

Edward Bairstow

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love.*

### **Sentence**

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Psalm 122.6*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5.9*

Minister: Dearly beloved, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.**

*Versicles and Responses are sung by Choir.*

William Smith

O LORD, open thou our lips;  
*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*  
O God, make speed to save us;  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*(please stand)*

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.*  
Praise ye the Lord;  
*The Lord's Name be praised.*

*(congregation may be seated)*

**Psalm 139.1-18** (sung)

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me:  
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts from afar.  
Thou art about my path and about my bed, and art acquainted with all my ways.  
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.  
Thou has beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.  
Whither shall I go then from my spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?  
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I do down to hell, thou art there also.  
If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me become night',  
Yet even the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day:  
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.  
For thou didst form my inward parts: thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:  
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.  
My frame was not hid from thee, when I was made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.  
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book were all of them written,  
Even the days that were planned for me, when as yet there was none of them.  
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them!  
If I count them, thy are more in number than the sand; when I wake up, I am present with thee.

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 65.17-25**

For I am about to create new heaven and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD- and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

### **Magnificat in E**

Herbert Murrill

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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.*

### **SECOND LESSON**

#### **Revelation 21.1-4**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

## Nunc Dimittis in E

Herbert Murrill

*LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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.*

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.**

*Versicles and Responses are sung by Choir.*

William Smith

*The Lord be with you;  
And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.*

*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.**

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
And grant us thy salvation.  
O Lord, save the King;  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.  
O Lord, save thy people;  
And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*Because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou, O God.*  
O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peace able wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

#### Collect For Aid Against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### **Anthem Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks**

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

#### **Offertory Hymn The Day is Past and Over**

St. Anatolius

*1. The day is past and over;*

*All thanks, O Lord, to thee;*

*I pray thee now that sinless*

*The hours of dark may be:*

*O Jesu, keep me in thy sight,*

*And guard me through the coming night.*

*3. The toils of day are over;*

*I raise the hymn to thee,*

*And ask that free from peril*

*The hours of dark may be:*

*O Jesu, keep me in thy sight,*

*And guard me through the coming night.*

*2. The joys of day are over;*

*I life my heart to thee,*

*And ask thee that offenceless*

*The hours of dark may be:*

*O Jesu, keep me in thy sight,*

*And guard me through the coming night.*

*4. Be thou my soul's preserver,*

*For thou alone dost know*

*How many are the perils*

*Through which I have to go:*

*O loving Jesu, hear my all*

*And guard and save me from them all.*

## Prayers for Peace

**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 31 Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name**

Ellers

*1.Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,  
then lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.*

*3.Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
turn thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.*

*2.Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin,  
the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.*

*4.Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.*

Readers: Meg Prichard, Luke MacLean

Technician: Rod Murray

Choir: Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Catherine Robertson, Jerome Chang, Marcus Kramer, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean

### **This Week at St. John's**

Saturday	10-3	Parish Retreat at Wellington County Museum
Sunday	8:00	Holy Communion
	9:00	Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir
	11:00	Choral Matins with Parish Choir

**Compline** - Tuesday November 7, 8:00pm

**Evensong** - Thursday November 23, 7:30pm

### **Jerusalem Cross makes up five crosses.**

The Jerusalem Cross is the graphic on the front cover. The four small crosses can represent the four gospels, or the four directions of reaching the ends of the world with peace and reconciliation. The five crosses can represent the five wounds of Jesus by which the world is healed.

### **Concert Series.**

Please check our website details about the upcoming concert series on October 28, November 10, November 17, December 1 and December 16.

## **St. John's Four Areas of Ministry**

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

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