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Church of St. John the Evangelist

Efora, Ontario

*Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity
with Act of Remembrance*

Choral Mattins

November 12, 2023

11:00am

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Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hymn books, prayer books, hearing assist devices 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.

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.

Processional Hymn 555 O God of Bethel by Whose Hand

Salzburg

*1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
the people still are fed,
who through this earthly pilgrimage
thy multitudes hast led.*

*3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread
and raiment fit provide.*

*2. our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace.
God of our forebears,
be the God of their succeeding race.*

*4. O spread thy covering wings around
till all our wanderings cease
and in the city of our God
our souls arrive in peace.*

Act of Remembrance

Last Post

Silence

Reveille

For the Fallen – Douglas Guest

National Anthem 659 O Canada (verse 1)

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me, though they were dead, yet shall they live."

- John 11.25-26

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.**

Introit In Remembrance

Eleanor Daley

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am the thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight-ripened grain,
I am the gentle morning rain.
And when you wake in the morning's hush,
I am the sweet uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

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

(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 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Psalm 34.1-8, 22

(Congregation remain seated)

I will always give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.

O look unto him and be lightened; and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard them; yea, and saved them out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the one that trusteth in him.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants;

and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Lesson II Matthew 5.1-2

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Canticle Benedictus in C

Charles Villiers Stanford

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 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 the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; 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 Funeral Ikos

John Tavener

Why these bitter words of the dying, o brethren
Which they utter as they go hence?
I am parted from my brethren
All my friends do I abandon and go hence
But whither I go, that understand I not
Neither what shall become of me yonder;
Only God who hath summoned me knoweth
But make commemoration of me with the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

But whither now go the souls?
How dwell they now together there?
This mystery have I desired to learn; but none can impart aright
Do they call to mind their own people, as we do them?
Or have they forgotten all those who mourn them and make the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We go forth on the path eternal, and as condemned
With downcast faces, present ourselves before the only God eternal
Where then is comeliness? Where then is wealth?
Where then is the glory of this world?
There shall none of these things aid us, but only to say oft the psalm:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

With ecstasy are we inflamed if we but hear that there is light eternal yonder;
That there is Paradise, wherein every soul of Righteous Ones rejoiceth
Let us all, also, enter into Christ, that we may cry aloud thus unto God:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 805 I Vow to Thee, My Country

Thaxted

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

*1. I vow to thee, my country –
all earthly things above –
Entire and whole perfect,
the service of my love;
The love that asks no question,
the love that stand the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest
and the best;
The love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.*

*2. And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago –
Most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
we may not see her King,
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace. Amen.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and 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.**

Royal Anthem (1 verse)

Congregation is invited to follow the Crucifer, choir, and clergy in silence. We gather outside by the church tower and poppies to conclude the liturgy.

Prayers for Peace, the Canadian Forces

Hymn 528 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.*

*5. Time like an ever-rolling stream
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.*

*6. O God, our help in in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

Flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Ken Coultres, the gift of his wife, Linda; also
in memory of my dad, John Richard Murray and my god father Leonard Welpdale,
both who served in the Navy WWII, the gift of Jane Anne Murray

Choir Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Rachel Barreca, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Marcus Kramer, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Rich Hrytzak, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean

Trumpeter Daniel Warren

Greeters Jane Houlding, Mark Haslett

Readers Janelle Santi, Kate Wright

Technician Heather Malek-Shankland

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

2:00 Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark (Parish Centre)

6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

11:00 Clericus (St. James' Fergus)

5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

4:00 Parish Council (on Zoom)

Thursday

9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)

7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Saturday

2:30 Concert Series: Trout Quintet

Sunday November 19 - Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir - guest speaker: Will Postma

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir - guest speaker: Will Postma

Reception for Walter and Mardy Langford

Parish Choir Christmas Carolling

We are fully subscribed. Thank you for your early booking to support the Choir Fund.

Welcome to St. John's Elora

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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

Fall Concert Series St. John's

Saturday November 18, 2:30pm

Schubert's Trout Quintet with Ian Whitman, double bass, and friends; Beth Ann de Souza, piano.

Friday December 1, 7:30pm

Duo Thalia featuring Xueao Yang, violin, and Kendra Grittani, cello, playing some Bach, Cassadó and more.

Saturday December 16, 2:30pm

A Child's Christmas in Wales. Tom Allen, narrator; Larry Larson, trumpet; Debbie Strohn, horn.

Admission by donation at the door. RSVPs are appreciated (although not required) and can be made online on the [Concert Series webpage](#) of the St. John's website. Offered in partnership with the "Musicians of the K-W Symphony."

Open Doors Update

Vestry approved our [vision in June 2021](#) and gave us a mandate to seek approvals from the various legislative bodies in December 2022 to create a new space that addresses needed infrastructure improvements (plumbing, electrical, HVAC), accessibility challenges, and engages more community involvement. This is integral to our mission as a parish and has been endorsed by the Bishop.

The Centre Wellington Heritage Committee unanimously recommended that the project move forward to the Committee of Adjustment, the Planning Department, and to Township Council for approval. This is a significant endorsement.

We are happy to give you an on-site tour to learn more about how this project is vital to our mission as a parish. Please speak with Peter Barr, Colleen Murray, the co-chairs of the Open Doors team, or to the Rector. More information will be coming soon to invite you to participate in this exciting opportunity to fulfill our mission in this community.

Appeals Issued for Holy Land

As a member of the Canadian Humanitarian Coalition through the Canadian Food Grains Bank, all donations to PWRDF for the al-Ahli Hospital or other relief operations in Gaza will be **matched dollar-for-dollar by the Federal Government** up to **Nov. 12**. To take advantage of the matching donation program before the deadline today, please make a donation online directly to PWRDF under "Gaza Emergency".

Updates on the appeals for humanitarian relief in the Holy Land from various agencies and statements by the Primate of Canada and Archbishop of Canterbury are available on the [diocesan webpage](#).

PWRDF Sunday

Sunday November 19

We look forward to welcoming Will Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF, as our guest speaker on Sunday November 19. Come to hear how the work of PWRDF is partnering with other aid agencies to address the many humanitarian crises around the world today.

**Reception for Walter and Mardy Langford
Sunday November 19 after the 11am service**

Join us in offering our thanks and blessings to Walter and Mardy as they prepare to move to Ottawa. Speak to Patricia Reimer if you can bring food.

Christmas Puddings!

Pudding Pickup begins TODAY at 11 a.m. coffee hour and they are selling fast! Gluten Free options SOLD OUT. Small \$10.00 Large \$ 20.00

Cash payments accepted or E-transfer to: treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com. Identify "Puddings" in the note area.

Limited delivery available for seniors.

Great hostess gifts, party favours, stocking stuffers, Christmas dinners to share with family and friends.

Contact Jane Anne Murray at jamconsults@gmail.com for more information.

**Exploring the Gospel according to St. Mark
Monday November 13, 2:00pm**

Join us tomorrow in the Parish Centre as we begin to explore the ideas about the gospel of Mark.

Together, the group will explore Mark's depiction of the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

If you have an NRSV Bible, please bring it with you; otherwise we can make one available.

Diocesan Campaign

The [survey](#) is now available at the back of the church for you to participate in the feasibility study for the diocesan campaign. You are invited to attend a town hall meeting with the bishop on Wednesday November 22, 6-8pm at St. George's, Guelph as she outlines the vision for a potential \$20 million campaign next year.

A fact sheet is available at the back of the church and on the Diocese of Niagara website describing the vision of the campaign.

Elora Children's Choir - Monday at 6:00

Presently we have 20 children participating. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Evensong - Thursday November 23, 7:30pm

Compline - Tuesday December 5

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

8:00 - Compline service. All are welcome.

Song Circle - Friday, 10:30

Join Stan on ukulele as he leads us in singing some favourite old tunes. Song books provided.

Memorial Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards memorial flowers for Advent or Christmas, please leave a message for Elaine Dightam at the church office, 519-846-5911.

Keeping Healthy

Help keep one another healthy by ensuring that your flu and COVID vaccines are up to date. If you test positive for COVID please stay home; if you have symptoms or have a compromised immune system, please wear a face mask in large gatherings of people. Always practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.

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).

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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