



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

Sunday, March 13, 2022

11am

Second Sunday of Lent

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

This service is live-streamed from St. John's.

Welcome back to St. John's in-person. It is wonderful to have you here.

Please wear a face mask at all times, and keep a physical distance from members of other households.

Congregational singing is permitted quietly according to diocesan guidelines (March 1).

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.

"If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

– Psalm 95.7-8

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.**

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;

Singers: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Canticle: Deus Misereatur (Psalm 67)

(congregation may be seated)

*God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad;
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea, let all the people praise thee.
The earth hath brought forth her increase;
And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us;
And all the ends of the world shall fear him.*

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But

the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27.1-7, 16

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked came upon me to eat up my flesh,
even mine enemies and my foes, thy stumbled and fell.
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require:
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle;
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up on a rock of stone.

And now shall my head be lifted up
above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness:
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure;
Be strong, and let thy heart take courage, and wait upon the Lord.

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

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Canticle

Benedictus Deus Israel

Thomas Tallis, Dorian Service

*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 Queen;

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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus

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.**

Hymn 491 The Head that Once Was Crowned (vv 1,2,3)

*The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.*

*The highest place that heaven affords is his,
is his by right, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.*

*The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below, to whom he manifests
his love and grants his name to know.*

Homily

Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem **Bow Thine Ear, O Lord**

William Byrd

*Bow thine ear, O Lord, and hear us:
Let thine anger cease from us.
Sion is wasted and brought low,
Jerusalem desolate and void.*

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

(you may sit for the prayers)

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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.**

Hymn 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory (vv 1,2,3)

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o'er take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre
to the day.*

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on Mankind, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin

J S Bach

Greeters	Bob and Jane Cooper
Readers	Charlotte Logan, Diana Spearn
Singers	Audrey Coates, Lesley Bouza, Christina Stelmacovich, Autumn Debassige, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Alan MacDonald, Luke MacLean
Technician	Rod Murray

ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 13, 2022

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the clergy through the parish office.

Welcome Back!

It is good to have you back in church on Sunday. Please pre-register online or call the Parish Office before Saturday at 6:00 p.m. if you want to attend a Sunday liturgy. We are following the Guidelines for Ministry issued March 1.

The Bishop's Vaccine Policy is still in place for anyone involved in the functioning of a liturgy. Please contact Linda Coultres to share your booster certificate with her.

Thank you for your patience as we begin to offer more in-person events and activities.

Cell Phones

If you are here in-person, please turn your cell phone on "AIRPLANE MODE" so it doesn't compete for a signal on the WIFI and interrupt the Live-stream.

Lay Leaders for 2022

At Vestry on February 27 we commissioned the following people. Wardens: Peter Barr, Pam Gradwell, Jeff Ostic and Jane Houlding; Treasurer: Andrew Hirst; Book keeper: Susan Hirst; Property: Jon Warland; Synod Members: Thomas Littlewood, Ian Rice and Colleen Murray (alternate); Parish Council Members: Rod Murray, Dawn McClure, Ian Hornsby, Chris Rynberk, Wendy Boose, Felicia Gow, Mark Haslett, Jane Rajantie; Parish Council Secretary: Susan Edwards; Columbarium: Patricia Ellis; Givings: Steve Hornett; Lector's Guild: Patricia Reimer. Vestry Report is available at the back of the church.

Lent Book Club

Join us on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for continued conversation on Ralph Benmurgui's book, "I Thought He Was Dead: A Spiritual Memoir." We are exploring our journey of faith, with a focus on how our identify is shaped by more of "what we do" rather than "who we are called to be."

Morning Prayer

Thursday at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. Join us to hear the readings of the day and offer prayers for our world.

Ukraine Refugees

Over 2 million people have become refugees since February 24 and more are expected. The Anglican Church of Canada is partnering with the work of Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) which has sent over 28 tons of food to Ukrainian refugees so far. For over 25 years HIA has been working in Ukraine with humanitarian and development projects. To support this relief effort you can make a donation at PWRDF.ORG or by calling 1-866-308-7973.

Portage Bible Study

Every Monday St. John's offers two Bible Study groups to residents of Portage - a residential addiction rehabilitation program for youth based in Elora. If you want to participate, please contact Dave Tinker or Rod Murray.

Altar Guild

We are needing your participation! If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry of service, please contact Pam Gradwell.

St. John's Elora

St. John's Elora is a Christian community within the Anglican tradition with a strong history of liturgical worship and choral music. In a spirit of service, self-giving, and thanksgiving, we offer to the glory of God, ourselves, our souls and bodies, endeavouring to foster a faith in Jesus Christ and facilitate human flourishing. We strive to be a thriving, spiritually nourishing, healthy, welcoming and missional community.

Reaching out and reaching in, community engagement, and partnerships are all critical as we build on our past and present strengths. Our ministry together depends on factors such as spiritual authenticity, intellectual integrity, respectful behaviour, the ability to listen attentively, and community hospitality. We move towards the 2030s in a spirit of love with thanksgiving for what we have been given.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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