



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

11:00am

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's.
Welcome to an in-person service at St. John's.
Please keep your physical distance where possible.
Wear a good fitting face mask.*

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.

Opening Hymn 239 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

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| <i>Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no more, O death, appal us. Jesus lives! By this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!</i> | <i>Jesus lives! For us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!</i> |
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| <i>Jesus lives! Henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal; this shall calm our trembling breath when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!</i> | <i>Jesus lives! Our hearts know well nought from us his love shall sever; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!</i> |
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Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

- John 20.29

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

(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 Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm 150

(Congregation remain seated)

O Praise God in his sanctuary:
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his mighty acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance;
praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath
Praise 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

Lesson II John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Canticle Benedictus

Edward Elgar

*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 hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same 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.**

Hymn 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

*Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
came with peace from realms on high.
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia! came in deep humility.*

*Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven.
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven. Alleluia,
alleluia! Now the gate of death is riven.*

*Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care.
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heartfelt prayer, alleluia,
alleluia! comes to save us from despair.*

*Jesus come on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory:
let us then our homage pay, alleluia,
alleluia! till the dawn of endless day.*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem *Christ our Passover*

Paul Halley

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.**

Hymn 378 Crown Him With Many Crowns

*Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all
music but its own!
Awake, my soul,
and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end:
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their
fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died
and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never,
never fail throughout eternity.*

Postlude The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcelo

You are invited to offer your gift to the glory of God
to help support the ministry of St. John's.
Offertory plates are available at both entrances as you leave.

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| Greeters | Chris Rynberk, Doug Wilson |
| Readers | Jane Anne Murray, Judy Bates |
| Singers | Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rebecca McKay, Rachel Barreca, Christina Stelmacovich, Autumn Debassige, Sarah Pearson, Lanny Fleming, Marcus Kramer, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Luke MacLean, Matt Oxley |
| Flower Guild | Jane Rajantie |
| Technician | Gerry Hill |

Announcements for Sunday, April 24, 2022

Physical Distancing

Everyone is encouraged to keep a physical distance where possible. The pews at the back of the church on the left side have visual designations to help you keep physical distance. Please use this section if you prefer, and let us know if you have any concerns about participating safely in-person at St. John's.

Generous Giving

You are invited to give generously to support the ministry of St. John's.

You can request a box of Offering Envelopes; use monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.); or make a donation by electronic transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com. Offering plates and P.A.G. forms are available at both doors of the church.

For more information on Giving to St. John's contact Steve Hornett at 519-846-5911.

More Help for Ukraine

PWRDF has been working with refugees in Hungary and Moldova and is now working with wounded civilians in Ukraine. Initiavte E+ received a PWRDF grant of \$62,000 which will be used to supply general medicine for the civilian population, equipment for hospitals and medical centres, and PPE and medical supplies for Ukrainian military personnel and first responders. To support this work, donations can be made to St. John's marked "PWRDF - Ukraine" on the memo line and we will forward it on.

This Week at St. John's

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| Tuesday | 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 7:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) with Volunteer Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ Church Chapel, Drayton 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir |

Easter Season Appeal for Choir Fund

We seek to continue to engage people in the Sunday morning experience of St. John's. The full Parish Choir is here to provide you with an inspiring choral experience during the season of Easter. So you and others can enjoy this experience, the Wardens invite you to give a financial gift to the Choir Fund to support our singers. Easter is an opportunity for us to enjoy the full Parish Choir for the first time in over two years. You can join us in extending your gratitude for the singers' commitment to our choral tradition by marking your donation "CHOIR FUND".

Choral Evensong

Join us on Thursday May 5 at 7:30 p.m. for a Choral Evensong to celebrate the Eve of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop

The Pastoral Letter from the Bishop regarding the resignation of Mark MacDonald as Archbishop of Indigenous People's of Canada is available at the back of the church.

Visit from Archbishop of Canterbury

This week, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, will visit Canada between April 29th and May 3rd. He will meet with Anglican Indigenous people and Indigenous leaders in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario; and finally Toronto, Ontario.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is the senior Archbishop of the Church of England and of the Anglican Communion worldwide. A particular focus of his primacy is the work of reconciliation wherever needed.

Anglican history in Canada is entwined with the Church of England, British explorers, colonists and Crown representatives. Their presence in treaty negotiations and subsequent partnership with the government are part of the legacy of colonialism that contributed to residential schools and to abuse and cultural deprivation. A significant purpose behind Archbishop Justin's visit is to recognize and repent of where those relationships have done damage rather than good, particularly with Indigenous peoples.

During his visit the Archbishop will meet and listen to residential school survivors; visit Indigenous reserves; and share in the work of reconciliation to which the Anglican Church of Canada is committed.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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



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