



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday*

May 8, 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.

Introit Peace I Leave With You

Amy Beach

Opening Hymn 349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (vv 1,2,4)

<i>All people that on earth do dwell,</i>	<i>Know that the Lord is God indeed;</i>
<i>sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,</i>	<i>without our aid he did us make;</i>
<i>him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;</i>	<i>we are his folk, he doth us feed,</i>
<i>come ye before him and rejoice.</i>	<i>and for his sheep he doth us take.</i>

*For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.*

“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.”

-John 10:14

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 9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

(Congregation remain seated)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the water of comfort.
He shall restore my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou
are with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; thou hast
anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord 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

Lesson II John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us

plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Canticle Jubilate (Collegium Regale)

Herbert Howells

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 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 showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of the blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; 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.**

Hymn 514 Jesus, Joy of our Desiring

*Jesus, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to
uncreated light.*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Through the way where hope is guiding,
hark, what peaceful music rings,
where the flock, in thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
in the love of joys unknown.*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem The Lord to Me a Shepherd Is

Patrick Murray

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 330 O Praise Ye the Lord (vv 1-4)

*O praise ye the Lord!
give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.*

*O praise ye the Lord!
Give praise upon earth; in tuneful accord,
give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you
all grace from above,
praise God who has taught you
in the pathways of love.*

*O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord reecho around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp,
the story of what God hath done.*

*O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured
all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!*

Postlude Petite Plein Jeu and Fugue sur la Trompette

Francois Couperin

The flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Veronica Punnett,
the gift of her husband, Gerald;
also in celebration of the ordination as deacon of Louise Dightam,
the gift of her mother Elaine Dightam

Greeters
Readers Lanny Fleming, Barb Dunsmore
Singers Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Autumn Debassige, Sarah Pearson, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean, Matt Oxley
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St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

*Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach -
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Announcements for Sunday, May 8, 2022

Welcome to St. John's

Please wear a face mask, keep a physical distance where possible, and use hand sanitizers provided.

The back section of pews on the left side is designated for people who wish to keep a physical distance.

Choral Evensongs

Mark your calendars to attend Choral Evensongs:

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Sunday June 5, 4:00pm

Feast of St. John the Baptist – Sunday June 26, 4:00pm

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.

This Week at St. John's

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Community Lunch Preparation 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Knitted Creatures Shop OPEN 10:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 3:30 p.m. No Book Book Study #1 8:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	11:00 a.m. Holy Communion at Heritage River
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. Choral Mattins (BCP) with Parish Choir 12:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Workshop

Ukrainian Egg Making Workshop Sunday May 15, 12:30 to 3:0 p.m.

You have another opportunity to come back or come for the first time to learn how to make Ukrainian Easter eggs. Please register online to let us know you are coming or speak to Rev'd Judy Steers for more information. All are welcome.

While there is no registration fee, you are invited to make a donation which will support the PWRDF partners working with Ukrainian refugees and injured civilians.

Knitted Creatures for Ukraine

A member of the Knitters and Quilters has made children's slippers, dinosaurs, baby outfits, bears and snuggle bugs. A sample of the items are available in the Narthex, and a more full selection is on display in the Parish Centre. All proceeds go to support refugees and injured civilians in Ukraine through PWRDF. Someone will be in the Parish Centre on Wednesday and Thursday this week, 10-12. You can pay by cash or by E-transfer.

Organ Concert

Saturday May 14, 7:00 p.m. at Melville United Church, Fergus.

Jurgen Petrenko, Matthias Schmidt, Kevin Lee, Betty Weinten and Colleen Weber will play the Casavant pipe organ. Free-will offering to support Ukraine and The Hub (Fergus Youth Awareness Centre).

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".