



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

May 1, 2022

11:00 am

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (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.
Use the hand sanitizer provided.*

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.

Mass Setting Missa Resurrectionis

Gerre Hancock

Hymn 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (vv 1,2,3)

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary
one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stop
down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light; look unto me,
thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: **ALMIGHTY** God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(congregation may be seated or kneel)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: **OUR** Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is

like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie (choir)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Reading Acts 9.1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might

regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Psalm 30 (*plainchant*)

I will magnify thee, O lord, for thou hast set me up,
and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee,
and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought up my soul from hell:
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his;
and give thanks unto his holy Name.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his favour is life;
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

As for me, in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved";
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hadst made my hill so strong.

But thou didst turn thy face from me,
and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord,
and gat me to my Lord right humbly:

"What profit is there in my blood,
when I go down to the pit?

Shall the dust give thanks unto thee?
or shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
Lord, be thou my helper."

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy;
thou has put off by sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; Alleluia!

That my soul may sing of thy praise without ceasing.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever. Alleluia!

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 21st chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 1st verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (vv 1,2,3)

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!*

*Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

SERMON Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem Tu es Petrus

Robert Lucas Pearsall

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepares the elements for Communion.

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” (Revelation 5.12)

PRAYERS

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant *ELIZABETH* our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life as in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God,

All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy

divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

(Choir stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Choir: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Choir: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he give it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.
Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: **And with thy Spirit.**

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Choir: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

You are invited to receive communion in one kind from one of two standing stations: one station at the chancel steps, and one at the cross of the main aisle. Please keep your distance from members of other families.

Please keep your face mask on while you hear the words of administration or blessing.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.
OUR Father

All: 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

Hymn 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised (vv 1,2,4)

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor
wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.*

POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso from Sonata 2

Felix Mendelssohn

Greeters	Patricia Reimer and David Campbell
Readers	Peter Barr, Thomas Littlewood
Singers	Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Autumn Debassige, Sarah Pearson, Christina Stelmacovich, Lanny Fleming, Marcus Kramer, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Alan MacDonald, Luke MacLean, Matt Oxley
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Nancy Knudstrup
Technician	Gerry Hill

Flowers are to the glory of God

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

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Announcements for May 1, 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.

This Week at St. John's

Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters
Thursday (Eve of Feast of St. John The Evangelist)	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom
	7:30 p.m. Choral Evensong
Sunday	8:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
	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

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.

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 or Christina Stelmachovich 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 Sundays between services and on Wednesday mornings. 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).

Ordination

We give thanks and pray for Elaine Dightam's daughter, Louise Dightam, who is being ordained a transitional Deacon at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto this afternoon. Louise has accepted an appointment as Assistant Curate at Prince of Peace in Wasaga Beach.

Book Sale

To support the Elora Festival the Giant Book Sale will be held May 6 (5-9pm \$5 admission), 7 (9:30 to 5) and 8 (9:30 to 4) at the Elora Curling Club.

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.

Visit from Archbishop of Canterbury

This week, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, is visiting 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.

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