



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Efora, Ontario

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

11:00am

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*Welcome to an in-person liturgy at St. John's Elora
Prayer books are available on the shelf in the transept aisle.*

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

Please keep your physical distance where possible.

Wear a good fitting face mask.

The pews in the back left corner have designated seating for maintaining physical distance.

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.

Royal Anthem God Save the Queen

arr. Ernest MacMillan

God save our gracious Queen,

long live our noble Queen:

God save the Queen.

Send her victorious, happy and glorious,

long to reign over us, God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store

on her be pleased to pour; long may she

reign. May she defend our laws, and ever

give us cause to sing with heart and voice,

God save the Queen.

Our loved dominion bless

with peace and happiness from shore to shore,

and let our nation be loyal, united, free,

true to herself and thee for evermore.

"If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and will come to you."

- John 14.23

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 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67

(Congregation remain 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.

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 14.23-29

Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have

said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Canticle Jubilate in B flat

Charles Villiers Stanford

*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

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 432 Jesus Calls Us! (vv 1,3,5)

Jesus calls us!

*O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
 day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
 saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

Jesus calls us from the worship

*of the vain world's golden store,
 from each idol that would keep us,
 saying, "Christian, love me more."*

Jesus calls us!

*By thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear thy
 call, give our hearts to thine obedience,
 serve and love thee best of all.*

Homily Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem He Watching Over Israel

Felix Mendelssohn

*He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.*

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 388 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (vv 1,2,4)

Abbott's Leigh

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvations' walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.*

*See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

*Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show:
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.*

Postlude Imperial March (written for Victoria's diamond jubilee)

Sir Edward Elgar

The flowers are to the glory of God.

Greeters	Chris and Jeannie Houston
Readers	Peter Huck, Rachel Barreca
Singers	Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Autumn Debassige, Rachel Barreca, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Alan Macdonald, Matt Oxley
Flower Guild	Jane Rajantie
Technician	Steve Hornett

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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Announcements for Sunday, May 22, 2022

This Week at St. John's

Monday	7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Community Lunch Preparation 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Communion Service 10:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters
Thursday	ASCENSION DAY 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 7:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	1:00 p.m. Funeral for Reinhardt Kusserow
Saturday	1:00 p.m. Interment for Jack Holmes at Elora Cemetery
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) with Volunteer Choir 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir

Choral Evensong for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday June 5, 4:00 p.m. with Octet.

Not to be missed, invite your friends to join you in this beautiful liturgy to give thanks for the Queen's 70 years of faithful service as our Sovereign. Working within our Guidelines for Ministry, we are hoping to provide an outdoor reception, weather permitting, after the service.

Today

Our Director of Music, Patrick Murray, is participating in and helping organize the **Podium Choral Conference and Festival** in Toronto this weekend. In his absence we have an Octet this morning for Choral Matins at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. Next Sunday we welcome a full Parish Choir back.

TRC Banner

The quilted banner beside the Pascal Candle was featured in a front page article in this month's issue of the "Niagara Anglican" newspaper.

The banner is made out of the orange ribbons which were tied to trees to mark Canada's first Truth and Reconciliation Day last September. The banner is present at liturgies and meetings to create space for those who died in the residential school system in Canada, to give voice to the murdered and missing indigenous girls and women, and to remind us of our commitment to learn and work towards reconciliation in Canada.

The banner was designed and created by Jane Rajantie of the Knitters and Quilters. Jane is moving to Toronto next month to be closer to family, so we thank her and send her with our love and prayers.

Pastoral Letter

Every Saturday our Rector prepares a Pastoral Letter with news of events and a short reflection. If you would like to receive a copy of this letter by email, please let us know.

Participating at St. John's

If you are looking to be more involved at St. John's, here are some areas you can participate in, and the person to talk to about it:

Gardens - Jon Warland, Dawn McClure, Dinah and Gordon Bristowe

Readers at 11:00 - Patricia Reimer

Greeters at 11:00 - Thomas Littlewood

Altar Guild - Pam Gradwell

Flower Guild - Dawn McClure

Community Lunch Program - Ian Hornsby

Volunteer Choir - Jurgen Petrenko

Open Doors

With the warmer weather we are hoping to have the church doors open for tourists to come inside to take a moment to enjoy our beautiful space, to learn about St. John's, and to offer a prayer. If you are interested in being a "host" for one hour on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in June or July to welcome our guests and engage with them, please contact the Rector.

Creating Generous Hearts

During the season of Easter you are invited to give a gift to support the singers in the Parish Choir. Please make your cheque out to St. John's, or E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com and mark "CHOIR FUND" on the memo line or in the description.

Our budget for the Parish Choir this year is \$75,000. January to April this year we have received \$19,839 for the Choir Fund, and spent \$23,417.

Thank you for your generous support.