



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

*Choral Evensong with The Elora Singers
Eve of Feast of St Mary Magdalene*

*July 21, 2022
5:00 pm*

5:00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

*Welcome to a liturgy at St. John's Elora and welcome to The Elora Singers
Face masks are strongly encouraged to keep one another and our singers healthy.*

This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's You Tube Channel.

There will be an offering plate passed during this liturgy.

All undesignated donations will support The Elora Festival.

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.

Prelude Five Liturgical Inventions

Victor Togni, 1935-1965

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96.9*

Minister: Dearly beloved, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.**

Versicles and Responses are sung by Choir.

Barry Rose

O LORD, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

(please stand)

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.
Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

(congregation may be seated)

Psalm 148 (sung)

Walmisley

O praise the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, all ye heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapour, wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and feathered fowls;
Kings of the earth, and all peoples; princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens together; old men and children;
Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for his Name only is excellent,
and his glory above heaven and earth.
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: even the children of Israel,
even the people that serveth him.
Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Magnificat Collegium Regale

Bryan Kelly

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed 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.*

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Nunc Dimittis Collegium Regale

Bryan Kelly

*LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.*

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.

Versicles and Response are sung by Choir.

Rose

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

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.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son did sanctify Mary Magdalene, and call her to be a witness to his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities, and always serve thee in the power of his endless life; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Collect For Aid Against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem I was Glad

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Offertory Hymn 29 The Day Thou Gavest

St. Clement

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn.

All undesignated offerings will go to support The Elora Festival.

*1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
the darkness falls at thy behest.
Thee our morning hymns ascended;
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*

*3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.*

*2. We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or nights.*

*4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.*

*5. So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires pass away;
thy kingdom stands and grows forever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.*

Prayers for the World

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.

Recessional Hymn 26 To You Before the Close of Day

Te Lucis

*1. To you before the close of day,
Creator of all things,
we pray that, in your saving constancy,
our guard and keeper you would be.*

*2. Save us from troubled, restless sleep;
from all ill dreams our children keep.
So calm our minds that fears may cease
and rested bodies wake in peace.*

*3. A healthy life we ask of you:
the fire of love, in us renew,
and when the dawn new light will bring,
your praise and glory we shall sing.*

*4. Almighty Father, hear our cry
through Jesus Christ, our Lord most high,
whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and forever more.*

The flowers are to the glory of God in thanksgiving for The Elora Singers.

Elora Singers Lesley Bouza, Katy Clark, Rebecca Genge, Jennifer Krabbe, Teresa Mahon, Rebecca McKay, Kate Wright, Julia Barber, Kirsten Fielding, Simon Honeyman, Christina Stelmacovich, Jessica Wright, Chris Fisher, Robert Kinar, Nicholas Nicolaidis, William Reid, William Salinas-Crosby, Michael Cressman, Jeff Enns, Paul Grambo, Richard Hrytzak, Alan Macdonald, Jordan Scholl

Conductor: Mark Vuorinen

Organist: Christopher Dawes

Greeters: Charlotte Logan, Jane Rapp

Readers: Nicholas Nicolaidis, Dinah Bristowe

Technician: Rod Murray

Offerings this Evening

At Evensong services during The Elora Festival undesignated donations support The Elora Festival. Thank you for your generous support. Please use envelope if you wish your gift to support St. John's.

Choral Music At St. John's Elora

St. John's Elora has had a long history of offering choral music as part of the Anglican tradition of worship. This Sunday at we welcome The Elora Singers back on the final weekend of The Elora Festival for a service of Choral Matins at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Grant Wedge, Assistant Deputy Minister Indigenous Affairs Ontario.

In August we welcome quartets and soloists from the St. John's Parish Choir under the direction of our Director of Music, Patrick Murray, and accompanied by our Organist, Jurgen Petrenko.

Evensongs will be offered on September 25, October 30 at 4pm; Advent Lessons and Carols on November 27 at 4 and 7pm; Christmas Lessons and Carols on December 18 at 4 and 7pm. For updated information please visit our website or follow St. John's Elora on Facebook and Instagram.

TRC Banner

The orange banner at the front of the church is made from over 100 orange ribbons that were tied to trees around the church property to mark the first national TRC Day last September. The banner is a visual reminder to help us commit ourselves to the journey towards reconciliation.

Learning More about St. John's

A weekly letter is emailed by the Rector on Saturday mornings with a reflection and news of upcoming events. Please email the Rector if you wish to receive this letter.

Mary Magdalene

This service marks the eve of the Feast of Mary Magdalene, the first eyewitness of the resurrected Christ who was sent by Jesus back to the others to proclaim the news of the resurrection. She is regarded as the apostle to the apostles, even though they didn't believe her testimony. She was from Magdala in Galilee and was healed by Jesus of many ailments which prompted her and a group of women to support Jesus in his ministry. She was one of the few who stood nearby while the Lord was crucified.

Keeping Safe

In an effort to keep one another and our singers healthy, face masks are strongly encouraged to be worn by congregation and audience members attending indoor concerts and services during The Elora Festival. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking

Parking enforcement officers have been very diligent this season in Elora. Street parking is permitted in designated spots and in undesignated spots where your vehicle is more than 9m from an intersection and 1m from a driveway. Please avoid the triangle island at Smith Street and Victoria Crescent, and be aware that some streets in the downtown core are identified with a three hour limit.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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