



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, August 27, 2023

11am

*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hearing assist devices, prayer books and hymn books and children's activity packs
are available at the back of the church.*

Hymn 300 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

*1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.*

*3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.*

*2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring,
in glad hymns eternally.*

*4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.*

*5. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.*

"O sing to the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things."

- Psalm 98.1

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 said.

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

Barnby

(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 Exodus 1.8-2.10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm 124

(Congregation remain seated)

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say;

if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;

They had swallowed us up alive,

when they were so wrathfully displeased at us;

Then the waters had drowned us,
and the torrent had gone over our soul;

Yea, then the raging waters
had gone even over our soul.

But praised be the Lord,
who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler:
the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth.

Lesson II Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jubilate Deo

*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, His mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

(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 said.

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.

Minister: 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. Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the King;

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,

we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.**

Anthem

Homily Rev'd John Lockyer

Offertory Hymn 497 Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

Song 1

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome.

1. Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way, Guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day; rule in our hearts, that we may ever be guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

3. We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one in our love of all things sweet and fair, one with the joy that rises into song, one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer, one in the power that makes thy children free to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

2. We are of thee, the children of thy love, companions of thy well-beloved Son; descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove, into our hearts that we may be as one: as one with thee, to whom we ever tend; as one with him, our pattern and our friend.

4. O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord, thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine; one inspiration, be thy constant word; we ask no victories that are not thine: give us the shield of faith that we may be steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.

Closing Prayers for the community, the world and those in need.
(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.**

Recessional Hymn 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Thornbury

1. Your hand, O God has guided your flock from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page. Our forebears owned your goodness and we their deeds record, and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.

2. Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least; they bade them rise, and hasten to share the royal feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one church, one faith, one Lord.

3. *When shadows, thickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

4. *And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
from better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise –
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

5. *Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

Singer

Greeters Maureen MacIntyre, Ian Rice

Readers Jim Bottoms, Shirley Schonbacher

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 Haldimand 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.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

Sunday September 3 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Eucharist

Welcome to St. John's

We are delighted you are here today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave. To receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Washrooms

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church).

Parking

Maps indicating streets with designated parking spots are available on the Centre Wellington website and at the back of the church.

Food Insecurity

Bring non-perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank. A Community Lunch is offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Elora Legion.

Elora Children's Choir

In September The Elora Children's Choir, directed by Kate Wright, welcomes children ages 8 and up to join and sing. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

The Men's Dinner

returns Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00PM The first speaker this season will be Fred Thompson on his 8-month trip by VW Beetle, overland, from Sweden to Japan. Supper will be prepared by Steve Truchan and the recommended fee will be \$30 per person. Please email Ian Hornsby at ihornsby0@gmail.com to confirm numbers by Monday August 28.

Sunday Hospitality in the Fall

Volunteers are needed for Sunday post-worship hospitality hosts in the fall. A sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please see Ken Edwards for more information.

Safe Church

Between now and the end of September, all St John's volunteers and staff will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of the Diocese of Niagara's Safe Church Policy. If you have received the Safe Church Policy email, please notify: parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com or call 519-846-5911 when you are ready to sign the acknowledgement. If you did not receive a copy of the Safe Church Policy, and you think you should have, please notify: parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com or call 519-846-5911.

New Organ Console

The new 3 manual organ console is being installed over the coming weeks. If you have any questions, Jurgen Petrenko will happily answer them.

A Memorial to mark TRC DAY

The Knitters and Quilters invite you to help create a memorial of orange feathers to mark TRC DAY on September 30. Connected to the theme of orange ribbons tied to trees, this year anyone is invited to make weather-proof ten inch orange feathers to attach to trees and adorn the church doorways. Supplies and instructions are provided. This public instalment will be a memorial to the children who did not return home and a symbol of our commitment to learn more about reconciliation. To participate in the Orange Feather Project come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday morning or contact Barb Dunsmore for more information.

A Vision for St. John's Elora: Open Doors

St John's is working on a project to connect the church and the Parish Centre (the yellow house next door) to provide accessible washrooms, barrier-free meeting and reception space, and a commercial kitchen to help serve the needs of our growing community. We are in the planning stages currently and hope to have regulatory approvals by the end of the year. Story boards and information brochures are available at the back of the church. We are excited about the future this project will bring to our community and welcome your feedback and support.

Culture Days in Centre Wellington

Ontario Culture Days, September 22 to October 15, is an annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage. It features many creative events and activities across Ontario, with a hub of events featured in Elora and Fergus. See all events that are highlighted for Culture Days in Elora/Fergus and scroll down the list to see the events offered this year from St. John's Elora. Here's one event in our community that may interest you: String Theory Yarn Shop in Fergus invites you to contribute left over and spare acrylic balls of yarn. Anyone is invited to knit or crochet squares and deliver them to String Theory Shop in Fergus before August 31st. You are also invited to come to assemble the squares together any time after August 15th to help make a large outdoor instalment to adorn the pedestrian bridge on County Road 18 in Aboyne. After it is dismantled, it will be made into blanket size panels and donated to animal shelters. Whether you are experienced or a beginner, you are invited to participate.