



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

*Choral Evensong
for the
Feast of St. Michael and All Angels
(transferred from September 29)*

*September 25, 2022
4:00 pm*

4:00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hymn books, prayer books and hearing assist devices
are available at the back of the church.*

Face masks are recommended when indoors at St. John's.

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

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.

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

Introit: Holy is the True Light

William Henry Harris

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

Abbot's Leigh

*1.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.*

*2.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.*

*4.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.*

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.

Margaret Woodley

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)

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; and 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.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Magnificat Evening Service in C

Charles Villiers Stanford

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.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12.7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!"

*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 Responses are sung by Choir.

Margaret Woodley

*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 King;
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 Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and mortals in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

*Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I
know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me
home.*

*After wind, after rain, when the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong:
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.*

Homily: Rev'd Judy Steers

Hymn 572 Let There Be Light

Concord

*Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.*

*Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name.*

*Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord opening into grace.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,
thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade.*

*Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;*

*Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.*

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 29 The Day Thou Gavest

St. Clement

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

*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.*

*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 night.*

*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.*

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

The flowers are to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for the ministry of Rev'd Judy Steers

A reception will be set up in the
nave of the church and begin a few minutes after the liturgy concludes.
You are welcome to join us.

Readers: Catherine Robertson, Marcus Kramer

Technician: Steve Hornett

Choir: Janelle Santi, Audrey Coates, Kate Wright, Rebecca McKay, Marlys Neufeldt, Christina Stelmacovich, Autumn Debassige, Sarah Pearson, Rachel Barreca, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean, Jeff Enns

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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Future Evensong Services

Sunday October 30, 4pm. Feast of All Saints and Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II.

Sunday November 27, Advent Lessons and Carols.

Weekly Pastoral Letters

Receive a weekly Pastoral Letter on Saturdays from the Rector with latest news of events at St. John's and a short reflection. Please let Paul know at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Installation of New Dean and Honorary Canons

Over the past two years, the bishop has appointed a new Dean and some new Honorary Canons (including our own Rector at Synod in 2020). Next Sunday is the first opportunity we have had to gather in-person at the Cathedral to formally install these people in these new roles. You are welcome to a special service at the Cathedral on October 2, 4pm to celebrate these new appointments.

NEW: Parish Retreat Day

Saturday October 22, 10-3, at St John's Kilmarnock School. Archbishop Colin Johnson, retired bishop from the Diocese of Toronto and now appointed Assistant Bishop (part time) in the Diocese of Niagara, is our speaker. This is an important parish event in our annual calendar that we haven't had since 2019, so make an effort to attend.

NEW: Choral Compline at St. John's Elora and Call for Volunteer Singers

We are pleased to welcome the return of Compline (Evening Prayer) services once per month on Tuesdays beginning in October. Drawing on traditional plainchant and Renaissance choral music, this service is almost entirely sung from beginning to end, creating a space of quiet contemplation for the end of the day. **Compline will be offered from 8-8:30pm on Tuesdays October 4, November 8, and December 6.** New this fall, we are seeking volunteer singers from our congregation and the broader community to join section leaders from the Parish Choir to sing this service. Singers will be invited to gather at 6:30pm to rehearse for an 8pm service. Singers are welcomed to RSVP to sing each month as they are available; music will be made available in advance, and there is no need to commit to all Compline events throughout the year. Strong music reading is an asset, and an interest in learning about Renaissance music is a plus.

If you would like to express your interest in singing in one or more Compline services this year, please contact Patrick at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Book Group

Brian McLaren's book, "Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, The Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" will be discussed in October over three sessions. There are two books available for loan, or you can order it online. Contact Jon Warland or the Rector for more information.

Poppy Project

We are creating new poppy banners and garlands for our poppy project installation this year. Please bring your poppies to the parish centre before the end of September. Come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday at 9:30 to help us attach poppies to netting. This year the project marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Col John McCrae.

Calls to Action Reading Group

We are planning to gather in October to read through and reflect on the 94 Calls to Action. Please contact Guiverre Kern for more information through the Parish Office.

Christmas Puddings

We are making the traditional Christmas puddings again this year and needing some 28 ounce tin cans. Please bring clean tin cans without labels to the Parish Centre.

Supporting St. John's

Support St. John's financially through: a box of weekly Offering Envelopes; a monthly gift through Preauthorized Giving (PAG) - forms are available at the back of the church or on the website. Contact Steve Hornett for more information about giving to St. John's.

PWRDF Appeal For Pakistan

An appeal to support relief efforts for over 33 million people affected by the floods in Pakistan is being matched by the federal government if gifts are received before September 28th. Mark your gift PWRDF PAKISTAN or call 1-866-308.7973. This is in partnership with the Canadian Food Grains Bank and the Humanitarian Coalition.