



Queen Elizabeth II

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*to September 8, 2022*

*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Efora, Ontario*

*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

*Choral Mattins*

*September 11, 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.  
Face masks are recommended while indoors at St. John's.*

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*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.*

**Choral Introit    Thou Knowest, Lord**

Henry Purcell

**Processional Hymn 438 O Jesus I Have Promised**

Thornbury

*1.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.*

*3.O Jesus, thou hast promised, to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end! O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.*

*2.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.*

*4.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 in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.*

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

- Isaiah 6.3

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 1 Timothy 1.12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **Psalm 121**

*(Congregation remain seated)*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: O whence cometh my help?  
My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

## **Lesson II Luke 15.1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I

had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Canticle Benedictus**

Charles Wood

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;  
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of holy prophets,  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham,  
that he would grant us  
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him,  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God;  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

## Offertory Hymn Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Fulda

*1. Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my  
beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with  
joy shall I lift up my head.*

*3. Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose  
boundless mercy hath for me –  
for me a full atonement made,  
an everlasting ransom paid.*

*2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day;  
for who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.*

*4. O let the dead now hear thy voice;  
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;  
their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.*

**Homily** Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

## **Anthem** *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

Johannes Brahms

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.  
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.  
O blest are they that dwell in thy house:  
they praise thy name evermore.*

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.**

## **God Save the King** (2 verses)

## **Recessional Hymn 528 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

St. Anne

*1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.*

*4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.*

*2. Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure,  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.*

*5. Time like an ever-rolling stream  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.*

*3. Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.*

*6. O God, our help in ages past,  
our help for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.*

**Postlude** **Elegy**

George Thalben Ball

Flowers are given to the glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II

Choir                Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate  
                         Wright, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt,  
                         Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade  
                         Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Alan Macdonald,  
                         Luke MacLean, Matt Oxley

Readers             Mark Haslett, Jane Houlding

### **This Week at St. John's**

Monday            6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Tuesday           10:00 a.m. Community Lunch Program prep  
                         11:00 a.m. Greater Wellington Clericus at St. John's  
                         5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday       9:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters  
                         10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday          9:00 a.m. Yoga Class  
                         3:00 p.m. Marriage of Griffin Olsen and Ceara Annett  
                         7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Sunday             8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
                         9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
                         11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir

### **BOOK**

You are invited to join a small group who will discuss Brian McLaren's book, "**Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the disappointed, and the Disillusioned.**" There are two copies of the book available for loan at the back of the church, or you can order it online. We will meet beginning in October for three sessions.

The book explores reasons why people stay away from the Christian faith: historical legacy; institutional corruption, toxic theology; and reasons why people stay with the Christian faith: community; theological conviction, social justice to name a few. If we stay with the Christian faith the author invites us to explore how we do that in a good, honest and loving way. All are welcome to join us. Contact Jon Warland for more information.

### **Weekly Pastoral Letters**

Each Saturday the Rector typically sends a pastoral Letter with a brief reflection and some new and items about parish lift. If you would like to receive this letter by email, please email the Rector at [rectorstjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstjohnselora@gmail.com)

## **Choir Rehearsals**

Volunteer Choir on Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6 p.m. If you would like to join this choir please speak to Jurgen. The Volunteer Choir sings every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

Welcome back to the Parish Choir this morning at 11 a.m. after a summer recess since June. The Parish Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Thank you for your ongoing financial gift to support the ministry of the Parish Choir.

## **Live-streaming of 11am Service**

There is no live-stream of the 11 a.m. service today as all the members of our tech team are away. If you are interested in being trained to participate in this ministry please let the Rector know.

## **Evensong and Thank You to Rev'd Judy**

Sunday September 25, 4:00 p.m. there will be a special Choral Evensong to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels and to give thanks for Rev'd Judy Steers' time with us as Assistant Curate. Judy has been with us since October 2019. On September 1<sup>st</sup> Judy's appointment as Assistant Curate at St. John's concluded as she began a new full time role as Chaplain at St. John's Kilmarnock School in Breslau. The Bishop has appointed Judy as an Honorary Assistant at St. John's Elora, so we will continue to see her occasionally.

If you would like to contribute towards a thank you gift for Judy, please mark your gift, "Curate's Gift". This donation cannot be recognized as a charitable gift.

## **Season of Creation**

Since 2019 every year in the Anglican Church of Canada we are invited to join churches around the world in the month of September leading up to Harvest Thanksgiving to be intentional about prayer, education, and action around climate, the environment and creation. One of our baptismal promises is to "safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth." What can you do this week to renew the life of the earth? What can we do as a parish?

## **Poppy Project**

Poppy kits are available from the bin on the porch of the Parish Centre. Contact Barb Dunsmore for more information or come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday at 9:30am.

## **Community Meal Outreach**

On the second and fourth Tuesday of the month St. John's provides kitchen space for a hot meal to be prepared and then served at the Elora Centre for the Arts. We are looking for some people to drive some of the guests to the Elora Centre for the Arts so they can participate in this community meal. All pandemic guidelines (self-assessment, face masks, ventilation) are followed. If you are interested to learn more contact Ian Hornsby at [ihornsby0@gmail.com](mailto:ihornsby0@gmail.com).

## Niagara School of Missional Leadership

There are some inspiring courses offered this fall from the Niagara School of Missional Leadership. To learn about what is available and to register, visit [niagaschoolformissionalleadership.ca](http://niagaschoolformissionalleadership.ca). Think about “Christian Foundations: From Abraham to Jesus” (September 12 to October 17) or “Engagin the Community: Revitalizing the Church” (October 13-November 17). These are two courses of seven offered this fall. Contact the Rector if you think you might be interested.

## Taking the Next Step

If you are interested to take the next step towards reconciliation, the Rector and Guinevere Kern invite you to join them to read through the TRC 94 Calls to Action in-person in the Parish Centre in the fall. Please let Paul know of your interest and availability. We will meet weekly for about 5-6 weeks.

## Supporting St. John’s

For Offering Envelopes please contact Steve Hornett through the Parish Office. Pre-Authorized Giving Forms are available at the back of the church. You can make an E-transfer to [treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity.

## St. John’s Four Areas of Ministry

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

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