



*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Sunday, January 22, 2023*

*11am*

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**11:00 am Choral Mattins (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.*

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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.*

**Introit The Lord is my Light**

Sarah MacDonald

**Opening Hymn 156 The People that In Darkness Sat**

Dundee

*1. The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the Light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.*

*4. For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.*

*2. To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.*

*5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.*

*3. For thou their burden dost remove,  
and break the tyrant's rod,  
as in the day when Midian fell  
before the sword of God.*

*6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit one.*

*"The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."*

- Habakkuk 2.14

**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 Isaiah 9.1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### **Psalm 27.1, 4-9**

*(Congregation remain seated)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require;  
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle;  
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness:

I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me and hear me.

My heart hath talked with thee: 'Seek ye my face'; 'Thy face, Lord, will I seek.'

### **Lesson II Matthew 4.12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## Jubilate Deo

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

*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 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 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 and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through 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.**

**Anthem O nata lux**

Thomas Tallis

*O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with living-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who one deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.*

**Homily Rev'd John Lockyer**

**Offertory Hymn 432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult**

St. Oswald

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

*1. 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!"*

*3. 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."*

*2. As of old Saint Andrew hears it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.*

*4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*5. 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.*

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 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Duke Street

*1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its  
successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.*

*2. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.*

*4. Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.*

**Postlude**

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Choir      Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright,  
Autumn Debassige, Emily Burnett, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich,  
Lanny Fleming, Jerome Change, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Alan  
Macdonald, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Daniel Cockayne, Luke MacLean  
Readers    Jeff Ostic, Judy Bates  
Greeters   Chris Rynberk, Doug Wilson  
Technician Rod Murray

## **St. John's Four Areas of Ministry**

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

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## **Welcome to St. John's**

It is a delight to welcome you to participate in worship this morning. To subscribe to the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector, with a reflection and news about what is coming up, please send an email to [rector.stjohnsleroa@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnsleroa@gmail.com)

## **Boxes of Offering Envelopes for 2023**

Please pick up your box of Offering Envelopes for 2023 at the back of the church. Even if you use E-Transfer there should be a box there for you. If you do not see your name on a box, and would like a box, please let us know.

## **Today— Bach Meditations – 3:15pm**

Join Patrick Murray and soloists this afternoon for an exploration and performance of J.S. Bach's Cantata 111: *Was mein Gott will, das g'scheh allzeit* (God's will is best, it shall be done), a cantata for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Soloists: Rebecca McKay, Christina Stelmacovich, Nicholas Nicolaidis, and Alan Macdonald

Baroque ensemble led by Rona Goldensher

Guest homilist: Rev. Susan Clarke (Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church)

This 45-minute event, the first in a new series at St. John's, will feature an introduction to the work in its musical and scriptural context, followed by a short scripture reading and homily and a performance of the piece.

No tickets required; admission by donation. All are welcome. Come learn about and experience this wonderful music.

## **"What We Say We Believe"**

WHAT: An open informal weekly discussion-study group to explore and talk about Church statements of belief: the three creeds and some other scriptural, historical, and liturgical statements. Facilitated by Rev'd John Lockyer.

WHEN: **Monday afternoon at 2:00** pm for 60 to 90 minutes

WHERE: The Parish Centre

## **Vestry Reports**

If you were involved in a ministry or activity at St. John's last year, please create a written report of what you accomplished and send it to Thomas Littlewood at [parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com). The deadline for Vestry Reports is January 28. Vestry will be held on Sunday February 26.

## **Pastoral Care**

While the Rector is away until January 25, please contact Rev'd John Lockyer for any pastoral emergencies at 519-846-5911.

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

Monday	2:00	"What We Say We Believe" (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
	7:30	Calls to Action Reading Group (on Zoom)
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday January 29**

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist
11:00	Choral Eucharist with Parish Choir