

Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario Diocese of Niagara

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Welcome to St. John's Elora. Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs are available from the Greeters at the back of the church. This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's Elora You Tube.

Mass Setting Cantus Missae

Josef Rheinberger

Hymn 381 Praise, My Soul

1.Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King. 3.Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes: alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

2.Praise him for his grace and favour to our forebears in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness. 4.Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone; but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on, alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.

5.Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face: sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introit I Beheld Her

I beheld her, beautiful as a dove, rising above the waterbrooks; and her raiment was filled with perfume beyond all price. Even as the springtime was she girded with rosebuds and lilies of the valley. Healey Willan Who is this that cometh up from the desert like a wreath of sweet smoke arising from frankincense and myrrh? Even as the springtime was she girded with rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

February 4, 2024

SUMMARY OF THE LAW (congregation can kneel or sit for prayer)

Celebrant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie - Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

(congregation please stand)

Merbecke

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Celebrant: O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 40.21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and

the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147.1-11

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, and gather together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth those that our broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite. The Lord setteth up the meek, and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving, sing praises upon the harp unto our God; Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth, and maketh grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men; Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him. He hath no pleasure in the might of an horse, neither delighteth he in any man's strength. But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him, and put their trust in his mercy.

(please stand)

GOSPEL: Mark 1.29-39

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit

The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of the gospel of Mark beginning at the 39th verse. **Glory be to thee O Lord.**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

All: I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God;

begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM Listen, Sweet Dove

Listen sweet dove unto my song And spread thy golden wings in me; Hatching my tender heart so long Till it get wing and flie away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow That the earth did like a heaven appear, The starres were coming down to know If they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone, Hung down his head and wisht for night When he beheld twelve sunnes for one Going about the world and giving light. Lord though we change thou art the same, The same sweet God of love and light; Restore this day for thy great name, Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

HOMILY Rev'd John Lockyer

Offertory Hymn 292 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1.We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn. 2. The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hope to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

3.So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven."

Grayston Ives

Ye Banks and Braes

INTERCESSIONS (You may kneel or sit for prayer)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with indigenous peoples of Canada. Let us pray for all who need our prayers today, and all who have died in the peace of Christ.

Leader: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Linda, our Primate, and Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.....Lord, in thy mercy. *People:* Hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy. *People*: Hear our prayer.

We offer these prayers from our hearts for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God,

All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.* Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - 1 *Timothy 1:15*.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - 1 St John 2:1, 2.

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

- *Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;
- All: And with thy spirit.
- Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;
- All: We lift them up unto the Lord.
- Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

All:

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you;All:And with thy Spirit.

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament as a reminder of your baptism. Please come forward during the singing of the Agnus Dei. If mobility challenges prevent you from navigating the chancel steps safely, the clergy will bring the sacrament to you. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you are invited to touch the base of the chalice while you hear the words of administration. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Anthem

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Celebrant:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.
- All: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night

1.Awake! Awake! Fling off the night, for God has sent a glorious light, and we who live in Christ's new day must works of darkness put away.

2.Awake and sing, with praises strong, in psalm and hymn and spirit song. Let love our words and works renew with all that's good and right and true. Church Triumphant 3.Let in the light; all sin expose to Christ, whose life no darkness knows. Before the cross expectant kneel, that Christ may judge, and judging, heal.

4. Then rise as children of the light. Be neither proud, nor hide from sight. Be careful how you live, and wise to sift the truth from cunning lies.

5. Through Christ give thanks to God, and say to other sleepers on the way: "Awake, and rise up from the dead that Christ may shine on you instead."

Postlude

Flowers are to the glory of God.

Coffee, tea and treats are served downstairs in Thompson Hall following the service.

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk- Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	lan Rice, Maureen MacIntyre
Readers	Doris M'Timkulu, Kate Wright
Chalice Bearers	Bob Cooper, Damaris Martin
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Wendy Donohue
Flower Guild	Sylvia Arthur
Technician	Rod Murray

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.

Events This Week at St. John's

Today

3:00 Evensong at Christ Church Chapel, Drayton

Monday

- 2:00 Bible Study (Parish Centre)
- 6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

Tuesday

6:30 Compline Choir Rehearsal

8:00 Compline Service

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters10:00 Holy Communion

6:00 Men's Dinner

Thursday

7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle1:30 Service at Heritage River

Saturday

- 12:30 Elora Singers Lunch and Learn SOLD OUT
- 2:30 Elora Singers: Fauré's Requiem
- 4:30 Elora Singers: Fauré's Requiem

Sunday February 11 - Transfiguration - Quinquagesima

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00 Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 Choral Matins with Parish Choir

Rector:The Rev'd Canon Paul J. WalkerDirector of Music:Dr. Patrick MurrayOrganist:Jurgen PetrenkoSexton and Caretaker:Garry CantlonAdministration:Thomas LittlewoodHonorary Assistants:Rev'd John Lockyer, Rev'd Judy Steers

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Learn More

To learn more about St. John's though the Pastoral Letter sent from the Rector every Saturday, send an email to <u>rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com</u>

Next Sunday

You are welcome to bring any old palm crosses to church this week that we can burn the palms outside after the 11am liturgy next Sunday. The ash collected is used on Ash Wednesday.

Vestry Meeting of Mission and Ministry

SATURDAY February 24, 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

We gather together for the annual Vestry Meeting on SATURDAY February 24 at 10:30 on Zoom. If you know of someone who does not have access to Zoom, and would like to participate, please let the Rector know.

If you are interested in participating this year at St. John's as a member of Parish Council, Member of Synod, or a Warden, let Jane Houlding or the Rector know.

Parish Council meets with the Rector and Wardens six times a year to review the financial statements and help fulfill the goals of our vision as authorized by the Vestry.

Tax Receipts for 2023 Donations

This past week receipts were mailed through Canada Post or emailed to anyone who made donations to support the ministry of St. John's in 2023. Thank you for your generous support. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas.

Bible Study - Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Join Rev'd John Lockyer and others who are exploring themes in the gospel of Mark.

TRC Reading and Reflection Group - Tuesday February 20 at 7:30 p.m.

We next meet together on Zoom on Tuesday February 20.

Song Circle - Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Join Stan Litch as he leads an informal time of singing some old tunes on Fridays at 10:30. It's a fun and informal time together of signing and stories. All are welcome.

Compline Service - Tuesday February 6

The choir rehearses at 6:30 on the day of the service. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. and is offered on February 6, March 5, April 9, May 7 and June 4.

Men's Dinner- Wednesday February 7, 6:00 for 6:30 p.m.

Please let Ian Hornsby know if you plan to attend.

We welcome Colleen Murray and Peter Barr who will provide an update on the Open Doors Project.

Pancake Supper - Tuesday February 13

5:00 to 7:00 pm. Spread the word in the community. It's going to be a community event.

Ash Wednesday - February 14

10:00 a.m. - Communion Service and Imposition of Ashes. 7:00 p.m. - Choral Penitential Evensong and Imposition of Ashes with Parish Choir.

Lent Book Study

"Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life" by Rowan Williams. Join the Rector on Fridays at 2:00 to reflect on this book. Copies of the book will be available at your bookseller and limited copies will be available at the church. We begin on February 23.

Concert - SATURDAY February 17, 2:30 p.m.

Calvinists, Catholics, and Spies: Harpsichord music of the Dutch Golden Age. Jonathan Oldengarm on harpsichord. Admission by donation at the door.

Evensong

The St John's Parish Choir offers a special service of Choral Evensong on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm and on Sunday February 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Campaign

Having received the results of a four-month feasibility study for a major financial campaign, Bishop Susan Bell, with the affirmation of Synod Council, has made the decision not to proceed with a campaign at this time.

Read more about it and watch a video message from the Bishop.

World Day of Prayer - Friday March 1, 2:00 pm

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fergus is hosting the regional World Day of Prayer service this year. The service was written by the women of Palestine. If you would like more information or if you'd like to participate, please let Thomas know.

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).