



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*February 11, 2024
11:00 am*

*Transfiguration Sunday
Quinquagesima*

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11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

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.

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.

Processional Hymn 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

*1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.*

*3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thy self display,
shining in the perfect day.*

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

- Matthew 17.5

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.**

Introit Holy is the True Light

William Henry Harris

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.

Alleluia!

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 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 50.1-6

(Congregation remain seated)

The Lord, even the Most Might God, hath spoken,
and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
Out of Sion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined forth.
Our God cometh, and keepeth not silence;
there goeth before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest is stirred up round about him.
He calleth to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
'Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice,'
And the heavens declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself.

Lesson II Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Canticle Jubilate in Bflat

Charles Villiers Stanford

*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 Transfiguration

O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son wonderfully transfigured: Mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine majesty, that we, being purified and strengthened by thy grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Quinquagesima

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **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

Anna Lapwood

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Mercifully deign to accept
Suppliant praise and prayer.

You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be members
Of thy blessed body.

Homily Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 167 'Tis Good, Lord, to be Here

Carlisle

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

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

3. Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see!

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

4. Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come:
O might we hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home!

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but, since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and 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.

Hymn 380 O Worship the King

Hanover

*1.O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.*

*4.Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.*

*2.O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds
form and dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.*

*5.Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust , nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.*

*3.The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*6.O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
their true adoration shall sing to thy praise.*

POSTLUDE

The flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. William Ellis,
always remembered by his wife Patricia, Sarah, Ben, and family;
also in loving memory of Sheryl Loeffler, a dear friend and supporter of church music.

*You are invited to gather outside for the burning of the palms.
A pre-Vestry information session and update on Open Doors will be offered during coffee hour.*

Coffee, tea, and sweets are served in Thompson Hall.

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	Jane Houlding, Mark Haslett
Readers	Peter Barr, Autumn Debassige
Technician	Heather Malek-Shankland

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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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.

Vestry consists of people who for the past 6 months have participated in the life and worship of St. John's, baptized, 16 years of age or older, and not a member of another Vestry. A list of names of members of Vestry is posted in the Narthex. If you do not see your name, please let the Rector know before February 20.

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. You can nominate yourself for any of these positions.

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.

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 singing 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 March 5, April 9, May 7 and June 4.

Pancake Supper - Tuesday February 13

5:00 to 7:00 pm. Spread the word in the community. Pay what you can. 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. Limited copies of the book will be available at the church. We begin on Friday 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.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for all donations made to St. John's in 2023 were emailed or mailed in Canada Post. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Littlewood.

World Day of Prayer—March 1, 2:00 p.m.

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.

Elora Festival Book Sale

Accepting donations of books and other materials for the annual book sale (first weekend of May) to support the Elora Festival. Bring donations to the book shed at 380 St. Andrew St. West, Fergus, and the bottom of Maiden Lane. Donations of the following are welcome: games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, Records, Cookbooks, Sheet Music, and all genres of books.

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).

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 5:00 to 7:00 Pancake Supper

Wednesday

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters
- 10:00 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 Choral Evensong with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday

- 7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

- 10:30 Song Circle

Saturday

- 2:30 Concert: Calvinists, Catholics, and Spies: Harpsichord music of the Dutch Golden Age. Jonathan Oldengarm.

Sunday February 18 - First Sunday in Lent

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