



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, February 12, 2023

11am

Sixth 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.

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 Teach me O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Processional Hymn 7 New Every Morning is the Love

Melcombe

*1. New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.*

*4. Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be,
as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on every cross and care.*

*2. New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hope of heaven.*

*5. The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny ourselves,
a road to bring us daily nearer God.*

*3. If on our daily course our mind beset
to hallow all we find
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.*

*6. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.*

"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 1 Corinthians 3.1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Psalm 119.1-8

(Congregation remain seated)

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and seek him with their whole heart;
Even they that do no wickedness, but walk in his ways.
Thou hast ordained thy precepts that we should diligently keep them.
O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep thy statutes!
So shall I not be confounded, while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart,
when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
I will keep that statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

Lesson II Matthew 5.21-37

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you

to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Jubilate Deo

William Walton

*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

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the children of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **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 Locus iste

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est
Sanctuarium.*

Paul Mealor

*This is the Lord's house, which He hath made.
Profoundly sacred,
It is beyond reproof.
O flawless hallow, O seamless robe.
Lantern of stone, unbroken.*

Homily Rev'd John Lockyer

Offertory Hymn 551 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

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

1. *My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt
away. O let me from this day be wholly
thine.*

3. *While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid
darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor
let me ever stray from thee aside.*

2. *May thy rich grace impart strength
to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to
thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a
living fire.*

4. *When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love, fear and distrust
remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.*

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 497 Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

Song 1

1. *Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of
circling planets singing on their way. Guide of
nations from the night profound into the
glory of the perfect day: rule in our hearts
that we may ever be guided and
strengthened and upheld by thee.*

3. *We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one
our love of all things sweet and fair, one with the
joy that rises into song, one with the grief that
finds no voice in prayer, one in the power that
makes thy children free to follow truth, and thus
to follow thee.*

2. *We are of thee, the children of thy love,
companions of thy well beloved Son; descend,
O Holy Spirit, like a dove, into our hearts that
we may be as one: as one with thee, to whom
we ever tend; as one with him, our pattern
and our friend.*

4. *O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord, thy
trusty shield, thy sword of love divine; our
inspiration be thy constant word; we ask no
victories that are not thine: give us the shield of
faith that we may be steadfast, attentive, firm in
serving thee.*

Postlude

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Copp.

Choir	Audrey Coates, Marlys Neufeldt, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Rachel Barreca, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Jerome Chang, Colleen Murray
Greeters	Chris Rynberk, Doug Wilson
Flowers	Nancy Knudstrup
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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

"What We Say We Believe"

Join in an informal weekly discussion-study group to explore and talk about the Christian statements of belief: the creeds and some other scriptural, historical and liturgical statements. The group meets on Mondays in the Parish Centre in 2pm. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer March 3 at 2:00 pm

St John's will be hosting the area service for this global event of prayer. This year the service is prepared by the women of Taiwan and revolves around the theme, "I have heard of your faith" (Ephesians 1:15-19). If you would like a role to participate, or know of someone from another local church who might be interested in participating, please notify the Rector.

Vestry - Sunday February 26 at 1pm

Under the advice of Parish Council we have decided to gather for our annual regular meeting of Vestry on Zoom on February 26 at 1:30pm. If you do not have access to a computer or feel intimidated by Zoom, please let the Rector know and we can make accommodation to have your input and participation. From his own experience, Zoom offers more participation and more effective sharing of information through screen sharing.

VESTRY is an opportunity for us to gather as a community of faith to give thanks for all that was accomplished to the glory of God in 2022, and commit ourselves to new commitments for the coming year.

If you are new to St. John's in the past year, please let the Rector know so he can formally welcome you to this community of faith at Vestry.

If you are interested in participating on Parish Council, or as a member of Synod or a Warden this year, please let the Rector or one of the Wardens know.

Recital - "The Music That Makes Us"

Sunday February 19 at 3pm

This is a not to be missed recital offered by Michael Cressman and Christina Stelmacovich from the Parish Choir. It will be a delightful solo program from Bach to Broadway accompanied by Catherine Robertson on piano. Admission is by donation to support the work of the Parish Choir and our ongoing musical outreach. Invite friends to join you.

Needing Your Help

You are invited to look over the remaining boxes of offering envelopes at the back of the church to see if there's someone who lives in your neighbourhood. If you are willing to deliver a box of envelopes to them, that would save us postage and allow you to meet someone new in your neighbourhood who is connected to St. John's. Thank you for your help.

Pancake Supper – Tuesday February 21, 5-7pm

Yes! It's happening for the first time since 2019! If you would like to help in the kitchen or serve pancakes please let one of the Wardens know.

This Week at St. John's

Monday	2:00	"What We Say We Believe" (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	11:00	Clericus at St. James' Fergus
	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 February 19

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist
11:00	Choral Eucharist with Parish Choir
3:00	RECITAL: "The Music that Makes Us" – Christina Stelmacovich and Michael Cressman
4:00	Induction Service for Rev'd Victor Kischak at St. George's, Guelph