



*Church of St. John the Evangelist
Elora, Ontario*

Choral Evensong

*February 26, 2023
4:00 pm*

4:00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

Face masks are recommended when indoors at St. John's.

This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's Elora YouTube.

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.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

- Psalm 51.17

Introit: I Will Wash My Hands in Innocence David Hurd

Minister: Dearly beloved, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.**

Versicles and Responses are sung by Choir.

Kerensa Briggs

O LORD, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

(please stand)

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.
Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

(congregation may be seated)

Psalm 103.1-5, 15-22 (sung)

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;
Who forgiveth all thy sin, and health all thine infirmities;
Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him,
and his righteousness unto children's children;
Even unto such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.
The Lord hath established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom ruleth over all.
O raise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength,
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.
O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion:
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 9.3-10

Then I turned to the Lord God to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying,
"Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.
"Righteousness is on your side, O Lord, but open shame, as at this day, falls on us, the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them because of the treachery that they have committed against you. Open shame, O Lord, falls on us, our kings, our princes, and our ancestors because we have sinned

against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, but we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Magnificat Dorian Service

Thomas Tallis

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
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.*

SECOND LESSON

Mark 2.18-22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus said to them, "The wedding attendants cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. Similarly, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins, but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

Nunc Dimittis Dorian Service

Thomas Tallis

*LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.*

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.

Versicles and Responses are sung by Choir.

Kerensa Briggs

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which are in heaven, hallowed by 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 those who 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.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus

Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Collect For Aid Against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem **Miserere mei, Deus**

Gregorio Allegri

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee: but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Offertory Hymn 19 **The Duteous Day Now Closes**

Innsbruck

1. The duteous day now closes, each flower and tree reposes, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let us, as night is falling, on God our maker calling, give thanks and bless the Giver good.

2. Now all the heavenly splendour breaks forth in starlight tender from myriad worlds unknown; and we, this marvel seeing, forget our selfish being for joy of beauty not our own.

3. Though long our mortal blindness has missed God's loving kindness and plunged us into strife; yet when life's day is over, shall death's fair night discover the fields of everlasting life.

Prayers for the World

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 20 Day is Done, But Love Unfailing

Ar Hyd Y Nos

*1. Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever
here; shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,
calms every fear.*

*God, our maker, none forsaking,
take our hearts, of love's own making;
watch our sleeping, guard our waking, be
always near.*

*2. Dark descends, but light unending
shines through our night;
you are with us, ever lending new strength to sight.
One in love, your truth confessing,
one in hope of heaven's blessing,
may we see, in love's possessing, love's endless light!*

*3. Eyes will close, but you unsleeping
watch by our side; death may come,
in love's safekeeping still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling, sin forgiving,
fear dispelling, stay with us, our hearts in
dwelling, this eventide.*

Readers: Sharon Rice, Walter Langford

Technician: Rod Murray

Choir: Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Daniel Cockayne

Evensongs

On the last Sunday of the month
at 4:00 p.m.

March 26

April 30

May 28

(in thanksgiving for the
Coronation of King Charles III
Followed by Garden Tea)

Welcome to St. John's

We are delighted you are here today. If you wish to learn more about St. John's, or want to receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Learning in Lent

The Rector invites you to join him in some reading over the season of Lent.

"Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining the Future" by Patty Krawec. Patty Krawec is an Anishinabe and Ukrainian writer from Lac Seul First Nation. She is a member of Chippawa Presbyterian Church and lives in Niagara Falls. Krawec claims that in order to heal and move forward, we first need to revisit and acknowledge what came before.

The book is available at Magic Pebble Book Shop or online.

We will meet on Fridays at 3pm beginning on March 10th.

World Day of Prayer March 3 at 2:00 pm

St. John's will be hosting the area service on Friday March 3 at 2pm.

Participants with a role in the service are invited to gather at 12:45 for a rehearsal and set up.

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).

All are welcome to join us for this ecumenical service of prayer for the world.

Outdoor Fun Event - Saturday March 4, 10-2.

Snowshoeing and chili event for all ages at Everett and Kimberly's "farm," 6415 Fifth Line, Palmerston ON N0G 2P0.

Please let Kimberly know you are coming before February 28 by sending an email to Kimberly MacGregor at kmacgregor5@gmail.com or call 519-846-5911. If you wish to try snowshoeing there will be snowshoes available; or, please let Kimberly know if you can bring your own snowshoes.

Evensongs at St. John's

The Parish Choir offers Evensong on the last Sunday of the month at 4pm.

February 26, March 26, April 30, May 28 (*Thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III followed by Garden Tea*).

A Service of Compline

This is a reflective choral liturgy that lasts about 30 minutes.

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on the first full week of the month.

March 14, April 11, May 9.

If you want to sing in the Compline Choir, let Patrick Murray know and join the rehearsal at 6:30 on the day of the service.

Relief Efforts for Syria and Turkey

The Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) has allocated \$35,000 to the ACT Alliance (Action of Churches Together) to support its members working in the area. ACT member the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East-Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA-DERD) is providing food, blankets, mattresses and medical aid in affected communities in Aleppo, Hama and Latakia. ACT member the Middle East Council of Churches states "all the Churches in the Middle East have put their resources at the disposal of the affected and displaced people due to the earthquake, since the first moments of the disaster."

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is supporting the urgent needs of Syrians who have been living through conflict for the past 12 years. This is yet another struggle they have to deal with, along with an ongoing cholera outbreak, harsh winter conditions, and ongoing economic challenges. In northwestern Syria, 90% of people in the affected region were already in need of assistance to meet basic needs before the earthquake.

We, too, can help through [PWRDF](#) or through [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#).

Thank you for your commitment

Tutors Needed

The Wellington County Learning Centre is looking for volunteers to tutor local youth (ages 7 to 10) in reading and spelling in English. Previous experience is not needed as we train volunteers. Please contact Tyner Bouteiller for more information at 519-848-3462, literacy@thewclc.ca.

Anti-Fraud Awareness Seminar

Wednesday March 8, 1:30 - 2:30 at St. James' Fergus.

This educational seminar, presented by the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, is aimed to help seniors learn the trends in fraud, and how to protect yourself. Please register at st.jameschurch@wightman.ca

Craig Love's Ordination

Craig Love will be ordained a priest by the Bishop of Huron on March 21 at 7pm at St. Paul's Cathedral in London Ontario. Craig has been appointed to the parish of St. Thomas', Cambridge and St. Luke's, Cambridge.

2023 MUSIC EVENTS

Admission by donation; no tickets required.

Friday, March 10, 7:30pm

Women In Song: Clara Schumann, Alma Mahler, Amy Beach and others
Rebecca McKay, soprano and Jodie Vander Heide, piano

Sunday, April 16, 3:15pm

Bach Meditations: Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4
Soloists from the Parish Choir and baroque ensemble

Saturday, May 13, 3:00pm

Just Her Cup of Tea: Sweet Songs to Celebrate Mum
Autumn Debassige, mezzo-soprano and Angus Sinclair, piano

Friday, June 23, 7:30pm

“And then I knew it ‘twas wind”: Music for flute, viola and harp
Laurel Swinden, Elizabeth Reid and Noël Wan

This Week at St. John's

Today

- 1:30 Vestry
- 4:00 Evensong with Parish Choir

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

Wednesday

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters
- 10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

- 9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)
- 10:00 Clergy Lenten Day with Dr. Dan Smith, Huron College
- 7:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday

- 2:00 World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

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

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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