



*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Sunday, February 26, 2023*

*11am*

*First Sunday in Lent*

**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    Hide Thou Not Thy Face**

Richard Farrant

**Processional Hymn 175 Forty Days and Forty Nights**

Heinlein

*1. Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild, forty days and  
forty nights tempted,  
and yet undefiled:*

*3. Shall not we your trials share,  
learn your discipline of will,  
and with you by fast and prayer  
wrestle with the powers of hell?*

*2. burning heat throughout the day,  
bitter cold when light had fled,  
prowling beasts around your way,  
stones your pillow, earth your bed.*

*4. So if Satan, pressing hard,  
soul and body would destroy;  
Christ who conquered, be our guard;  
give to us the victor's joy.*

*5. Saviour may we hear your voice –  
keep us constant at your side;  
and with you we shall rejoice  
at the eternal Eastertide.*

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

- Psalm 51.17

**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 Deus Misereatur (Psalm 67)**

*(remain standing)*

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,

and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad;

for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.  
The earth hath brought forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

### **Lesson 1 Romans 5.12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### **Psalm 32**

*(Congregation remain seated)*

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guilt.  
For while I held my tongue, my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.  
For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night,  
and my moisture was changed as with the drought of summer.  
I acknowledged my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.  
I said, 'I will confess my sins unto the Lord'; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.  
For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; when the great waters overflow, they shall not come nigh him.  
Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble;  
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.  
I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way of wherein thou shalt go;  
and I will guide thee with mine eye upon thee.  
Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding;  
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not come nigh thee.  
Great plagues remain for the ungodly;  
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.  
Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

### **Lesson II Matthew 4.1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you

are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Benedictus**

Charles Wood

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of holy prophets, which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would grant us  
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
as it was at the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*(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 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.**

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.**

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 He that shall endure to the end**

Felix Mendelssohn

*He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.*

**Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker**

**Offertory Hymn 628 O Love, How Deep (vv 1,2,3,7)**

Puer Nobis Nascitur

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

*1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God,  
should take our mortal form for mortals'  
sake.*

*3. For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast,  
and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter over threw.*

*2. God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame for us,  
and to this lost world came.*

*7. To God whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through the Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.*

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 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father**

Mannheim

*1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.*

*2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.*

*3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.*

Quartet      Lesley Bouza, Christine Stelmacovich, Quade Nielsen, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky  
Readers      Guinevere Kern, Lesley Bouza  
Technician      Steve Hornett

### **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](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### **Vestry - TODAY at 1:30pm on ZOOM**

The Annual Report from 2022 is available on our website or paper copies at the back of the church.

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, welcome new members, elect and appoint new leaders, and commit ourselves to new commitments for the coming year.

We gather for our annual regular meeting of Vestry on Zoom TODAY 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 our experience, Zoom offers more participation and more effective sharing of information through screen sharing.

### **Who can vote?**

You are eligible to vote if you are over 16, baptized in a Christian church, been regularly attending St. John's for the past 6 months, and not a member of another Vestry.

### **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.

Please bring a plate of cookies or squares to the Parish Centre on Thursday morning.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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