



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

519-846-5911 www.stjohnselora.ca [email:stjohns@sentex.net](mailto:stjohns@sentex.net)

Sunday, February 27, 2022

11am

Last Sunday before Lent, Quinquagesima

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

This service is live-streamed from St. John's according to Diocesan guidelines (February 1) with not more than ten people in the building.

We trust that you are keeping safe, grounded and connected in your faith this week.

May you be blessed as you join us in offering our prayers and praises to the glory of God.

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.

"This is my well beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

– 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.**

Responses are sung.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

Singers: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

Singers: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Singers: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

Singers: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Canticle

Jubilate

George Dyson

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.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34.29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he

came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99 (sung)

The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble;
he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

The Lord is great in Sion,
and high above all the peoples.

Let them give thanks unto thy Name,
which is great and wonderful; for he is holy.

The King's power loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity:
thou dost execute judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

O Magnify the Lord our God,
and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name:
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar;
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

Thou heardest them, O Lord our God;
thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their doings.

O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is holy.

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

Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let

us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah " - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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;

Singers: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Singers: 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;

Singers: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

Singers: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Singers: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Singers: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Singers: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Singers: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for the Day

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.

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.**

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.**

Hymn 167 "Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here" (vv 1,2,5)

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

Thy glory fills the night;

*thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.*

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,

thy beauty to behold,

*where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.*

'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.*

Homily

Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem

O Nata Lux

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

Thomas Tallis

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

(you may sit for the prayers)

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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.**

POSTLUDE Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

L N Clérambault

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Readers	Bob Cooper, Pam Gradwell
Singers	Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Christina Stelmacovich, Emily Petrenko, Quade Nielsen, Lanny Fleming, Alan MacDonald, Luke MacLean
Flower Guild	Sylvia Arthur
Technician	Steve Hornett

ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care, please contact a member of the clergy directly, through the church office at 519-846-5911.

Keeping in Touch

Each week copies of the Order of Service and Sermon Text notes are mailed or hand delivered to a group of people who do not have access to a computer and may not be able to attend in-person services because of health restrictions. If you know of someone who needs to be included on this list please contact Susan Edwards through the office at 519-846-5911.

Morning Prayer - Thursday

A group of people gather on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to pray for the community and hear the readings of the day. We are finished by 9:30 a.m. The link is available in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

Knitters and Quilters

The Knitters and Quilters meet every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Vestry - TODAY

Vestry will be held on Sunday February 27, on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.

The annual Vestry Report is available on the website. Please contact Linda Coultres if you would like a paper copy.

Walking in Right Relations with Indigenous People

Last September hundreds of cloth orange ribbons were tied to trees around St. John's property to mark the first Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada.

When it was time to remove the 13" cloth ribbons, parishioner Jane Rajantie was inspired to design and create a double-sided quilt using all the weathered ribbons. On one side of the quilt the colours blend from light to dark with red ribbons at the bottom representing the many missing Indigenous women and girls across Canada. On the other side the dark represents the night sky and the orange ribbons represent the children who died in residential schools across Canada. This lasting and intentional piece of textile art will be visible at liturgies, meetings and gatherings, often draped over an empty chair. It will serve to remind us of the missing voices and our responsibility to walk in right relations with Indigenous people. Thank you Jane for your creative contribution to help us on our road towards reconciliation in Canada. This is a humbling and clear reminder to us all.

Lent Book Club

Ralph Benmurgui's book, "I Thought He Was Dead: A Spiritual Memoir" is available at Magic Pebble Bookshop in Elora. We will be using this book throughout Lent for our own reflections on mortality, death, hope and faith.

Ash Wednesday

Effective March 1st our diocesan guidelines for ministry allow for in-person attendance at worship. On Ash Wednesday, March 2, there will be a said service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m., and a choral penitential service with Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 p.m. If you wish to attend either of these services, please **register before Wednesday** by calling the church office (519-846-5911) or sending an email to Linda Coultres at lmcoultres7@gmail.com

To attend in-person in the congregation you need to confirm that you have been free from symptoms or exposure to COVID in the past ten days.

You are required to wear face masks and keep a physical distance from members of other households.

Sunday Services

With new guidelines in place, we will offer services beginning on March 6 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. If you want to attend either service on Sunday please **pre-register before Saturday at 6:00 p.m.** To register you can call the church office or register online through the website.

To attend in-person in the congregation you need to confirm that you have been free from symptoms or exposure to COVID in the past ten days.

You are required to wear face masks and keep a physical distance from members of other households.

Heritage River Service

On Friday March 11th at 10:00 a.m. there will be a service of Holy Communion at Heritage River Residence for the residents.

St. John's Elora

St. John's Elora is a Christian community within the Anglican tradition with a strong history of liturgical worship and choral music. In a spirit of service, self-giving, and thanksgiving, we offer to the glory of God, ourselves, our souls and bodies, endeavouring to foster a faith in Jesus Christ and facilitate human flourishing. We strive to be a thriving, spiritually nourishing, healthy, welcoming and missional community.

Reaching out and reaching in, community engagement, and partnerships are all critical as we build on our past and present strengths. Our ministry together depends on factors such as spiritual authenticity, intellectual integrity, respectful behaviour, the ability to listen attentively, and community hospitality. We move towards the 2030s in a spirit of love with thanksgiving for what we have been given.

Rector: The Rev'd Canon Paul J. Walker rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com
Curate: The Rev'd Judy Steers curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com
Director of Music: Dr. Patrick Murray music.stjohnselora@gmail.com
Organist: Jurgen Petrenko
Sexton and Caretaker: Garry Cantlon sexton.stjohnselora@gmail.com

You can call any one of us at 519-846-5911.

Church of St. John the Evangelist
36 Henderson Street
Elora, ON N0B 1S0

Follow St. John's Elora on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube

stjohns@sentex.net
www.stjohnselora.ca