



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, March 12, 2023

11am

Third 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.

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 We will walk through the valley

arr. Undine Smith Moore

Processional Hymn 533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Aberystwyth

*1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom
fly, while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the heaven guide;
O receive my soul at last.*

*3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find!
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness: false and full of sin I
am; thou art full of truth and grace.*

*2. Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone;
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.*

*4. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart;
rise to all eternity.*

"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 Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Psalm 93

(Congregation remain seated)

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel:
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure, that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began hath thy throne been established: thou art from everlasting.
The floods have lift up, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice:
the floods lift up their waves.
Mighties than the roar of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
The Lord who dwelleth on high, is mighty.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Lesson II John 4.5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his

flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Benedictus in C

Charles Villiers Stanford

*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.

THE GREAT LITANY *(found on pages 30-34 of the Book of Common Prayer)*

(sung)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth:

All: **have mercy upon us.**

Minister: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

All: **have mercy upon us.**

Minister: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful:

All: **have mercy upon us.**

Minister: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God:

All: **have mercy upon us.**

Minister: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God:

All: **have mercy upon us.**

Cantor: REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

All: **Spare us, good Lord.**

Cantor: FROM all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

All: **Good Lord deliver us.**

Cantor: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

All: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

(The same response continues for several more petitions in the Litany)

Cantor: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that in may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way,

All: **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

(The same response continues for several more petitions in the Litany)

Cantor: To give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

All: **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Minister: SON of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

All: **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

All: **Have mercy upon us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

All: **Grant us thy peace.**

Minister: O Christ, hear us.

All: **O Christ, hear us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father

All: **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 tres- passes, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Collect for the Day

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humbly servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Recessional Hymn 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

*1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head
upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and
sad; I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "behold, I freely
give the living water;
thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life giving
stream; my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived, and now I live in him.*

*3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this
dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all
thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him
my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.*

Postlude By the Waters of Babylon

J S Bach

Choir Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, 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 Marcus Kramer, Melanie Reed
Technician Steve Hornett

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. George's Guelph
	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	3:00	Learn in Lent: "Becoming Kin" (Parish Centre)

Sunday March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

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

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

Vestry

Thank you for your participation in Vestry on February 26. Sixty-eight people participated and here are some highlights for the year ahead:

COMMITMENTS: This year Vestry approved:

- Hiring a Children and Youth Choir Director in the fall,
- installing a new organ console in August,
- increasing our program in Musical Outreach (recitals, evensong, compline),
- expanding our Administrative support role,
- having the capacity (if offered by the Bishop) to have an Assistant Curate (part time) in the fall,
- improving our camera and audio for the livestream and recordings,
- developing architectural drawings for the Open Doors project to seek approvals with the diocese, township, Bereavement Authority and Historic Committee.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY:

Sixty percent of all our costs this year are supported by donations from people like you. Vestry approved to raise \$270,000 in revenue from givings to support the General Fund, and \$80,000 in givings to support the Choir Fund. The balance of our operating costs is supported by revenue from the interest in our Endowment Funds and from property use by outside groups.

We are excited about this year ahead. You are invited to review your commitment by giving generously to support the Vision of St. John's.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) forms are available [HERE](#) or at the back of the church. Please use this form to change your PAG amount.

Box of Offering Envelopes, please contact Thomas Littlewood.

E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Sunday Coffee and Tea after services:

9am - served in the Parish Centre

11am - served downstairs in Thompson Hall

You are invited to sign up for a Sunday to offer this ministry preparing the coffee and tea. A sign up sheet for the 11am service is available at the back of the church.

Learning in Lent - FRIDAY at 3pm

Join me in some reading over the season of Lent.

"Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining the Future" by Patty Krawec.

[Magic Pebble Book Shop](#) in Elora has some copies available, or you can order the book online. Whether you have read the book yet or not, come to join the conversation and learn more about reconciliation.

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

Compline

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

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on April 4, May 2, June 6.

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.

Evensongs at St. John's

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

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

Bach Meditations Series

Join us for the second of this musical outreach series on Sunday, April 16, 3:15pm. Bach Meditations: Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4

Soloists from the Parish Choir and baroque ensemble.

Keep in touch about Music at St. John's

To keep in touch with patrons of our music outreach initiatives, including recitals, Bach Meditations, large choral services, and opportunities to sing at St. John's subscribe to the dedicated music mailing list. To receive monthly updates about musical events at St. John's, please contact Patrick Murray.

Music Program Volunteers Needed

Patrick is looking for occasional volunteers to help as greeters at music events and with publicity (distributing posters, flyers). Commitment is flexible. If you'd be willing to be approached about volunteering when need arises, please send Patrick an email at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Celebrating Holy Week and Easter at St. John's

Palm Sunday - 8 (Holy Communion), 9 (Holy Eucharist) and 11 (Choral Communion with Parish Choir).

Holy Tuesday - 8pm - Compline.

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm - Holy Communion with Parish Choir. We conclude in darkness and silence as we enter the Holy Triduum.

Good Friday - 11:00 a.m. - Solemn Liturgy and Meditations on the Passion with combined Parish Choir and Volunteer Choir.

Easter Sunday - 8 (Holy Communion), 9 (Holy Eucharist), 11 (Choral Communion with Parish Choir).

Patronal Feast and Coronation Lunch

Sunday May 7 - mark your calendars now for this historic event, and let the wardens know if you would like to be a part of the planning team.

Open Doors Team

The Open Doors project team met last week to begin plans. The project team consists of:

Peter Barr (chair), Colleen Murray (co-chair), Jeff Ostic, Pam Gradwell, Walter Langford, Catherine Robertson, Thomas Littlewood, Chris Rynberk, Kate Wright and Paul Walker. The team typically meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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