



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

*Choral Evensong*

*March 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.*

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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.*

*"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

*- Romans 5.8*

**Introit:** **Media vita** Kerensa Briggs

In the midst of life we are in death:

Of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord?

Who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour,

Deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

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.*

Richard Shephard

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 145.1-22** (sung)

I will magnify thee, my God and King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.  
One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy mighty deeds.  
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works.  
And men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; and I will also tell of thy greatness.  
The memorial of thy abundant kindness shall be showed; and men shall sing of thy righteousness.  
The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and of great kindness.  
The Lord is loving unto all; and his mercies are over all his works.  
All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints give thanks unto thee.  
They show the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;  
That thy power, thy glory and the mightiness of thy kingdom might be known unto men.  
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.  
The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down.  
The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.  
The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works.  
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.  
The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

## FIRST LESSON

### Exodus 3.1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

### Magnificat      Edington Service

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*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 8.31-9.1

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.' And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.'

### Nunc Dimittis      Edington Service

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*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.*

Richard Shephard

*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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Faire is the Heaven**

William Henry Harris

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place  
In full enjoyment of felicitie;  
Whence they do still behold the glorious face  
Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

Yet fairer than they both and much more bright  
Be the Angels and Archangels  
Which attend on God's owne person without rest or end  
These then in faire each other farre excelling  
As to the Highest they approach more neare  
Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins  
Which all with golden wings are oversight  
And those eternall burning Seraphins  
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;

Fairer than all the rest which there appeare  
Though all their beauties joynd together were;  
How then can mortal tongue hope to expresse  
The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

**Offertory Hymn 431 Take Up Your Cross**

Breslau

*Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.*

*Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
your Lord for you endured to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*

*Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
'twill guide you to a better home  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.*

*Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

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 31 Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Ellers

*1.Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise. We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease, then lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.*

*3.Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; turn thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger, keep thy children free, for dark and light are both alike to thee.*

*2.Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; with thee began, wit thee shall end the day. From harm and danger keep thy children free, for dark and light are both alike to thee.*

*4.Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife. Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.*

Readers: Janelle Santi, Susan Edwards

Technician: Steve Hornett

Choir: Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Marlys Neufeldt, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Wil Ainsbury, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean

## Evensongs

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

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

## Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate towards memorial flowers at Easter, please contact Elaine Dightam with the names. You can make a donation through your regular means of donating, marking "Flowers" on the envelope.

## Sunday Coffee and Tea

After 9am service - served in the Parish Centre.

After 11am service - served downstairs in Thompson Hall.



Sundays in May and June still need a host. A sign up sheet is available at the back of the church, or email Thomas Littlewood to indicate a date you can participate. Ken Edwards is willing to provide instructions about how to operate things and a “Helpful Hints” sheet is available in the kitchen.

## **Learning in Lent**

### **FRIDAY at 3pm**

**“Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Forgetting the Past and Reimagining the Future”** by Patty Krawec.

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 in the Parish Centre.

The book is available at [Magic Pebble Book Shop](#) in Elora or online.

## **PWRDF Appeal**

Ukrainian people shiver in the cold and listen for the next air strike. People in Turkey and Syria search for family members and neighbours in the rubble left by the earthquakes, and are glad if they can find a tent for a night’s rest. The northeastern part of Kenya suffers from an unprecedented fifth consecutive rainfall failure and warmer than usual temperatures, making 5.5 million people dependent on humanitarian assistance. Cyclone Freddy has inundated Malawi and Mozambique for three days, creating raging rivers and monstrous seas of mud.

Does it sometimes seem too much to cope as an “innocent bystander”? Is it tempting to become emotionally numb? Whether we like it or not, as Christians and in Christ we are bound up with every person, and none more so than the outcast, the desperate, the cold and hungry.

Thank God for PWRDF who, on our behalf, stretches out supporting hands in all such situations. As we receive God’s gifts with such an abundance, let us make a generous gift of thanksgiving this Passion and Eastertide. You can make out your cheque or e-transfer to St. John’s, earmarking it to PWRDF General or to any specific area of PWRDF’s work.

## **Evensong**

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

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

## **Compline**

TUESDAY April 4, 8:00 p.m.

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.

## **Bach Meditations Series**

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**

To receive monthly updates about musical events at St. John’s, please contact Patrick Murray.

## **Parish Council**


Meets this Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom. Send regrets to Thomas Littlewood.

## **Baptism and Confirmation**

If you are interested in enquiring or preparing for Baptism or Confirmation, please let the Rector know.

There will be a service of confirmation at the Cathedral on April 23.

## Holy Week and Easter at St. John's

Saturday	April 1	10:30 a.m. Learn how to make Palm Crosses (Parish Centre)
Palm Sunday	April 2	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Choral Communion with Parish Choir
Holy Tuesday	April 4	8:00 p.m. - Compline.
Holy Wednesday	April 5	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
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		8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Choral Communion with Parish Choir

## **This Week at St. John's**

Monday

2:00 "What We Say We Believe" (Parish Centre)  
7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

5:30 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters  
10:00 Holy Communion  
4:00 Parish Council (on Zoom)

Thursday

9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)  
7:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday

3:00 Learn in Lent: "Becoming Kin" (Parish Centre)

Saturday

10:30 Palm Cross Making in Parish Centre

## **Sunday April 2 - Palm Sunday**

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

## **2023 MUSIC EVENTS**

*Admission by donation; no tickets required.*

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

## St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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