



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, March 26, 2023

11am

Fifth Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday

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.

Processional Hymn 306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Richmond

*1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.*

*3. He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.*

*2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.*

*4. Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!*

*5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.*

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

- Romans 5.8

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 Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Psalm 130

(Congregation remain seated)

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O Let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

But there is forgiveness with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

My soul looketh for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
yea, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Lesson II John 11.1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister

and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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.

Minister: 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, 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.**

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 *In paradisum*

Fauré

*May the angels lead you into paradise;
May the martyrs receive you
In your coming
And may they guide you
Into the holy city, Jerusalem
May the chorus of angels receive you
And with Lazarus once poor
May you have eternal rest.*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 649 Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Trentham

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

1. Breathe on me, breath of God;

3. Breathe on me, breath of God,

fill me with life anew,

till I am wholly thine,

that I may love what thou dost love,

until this earthly part of me

and do what thou wouldst do.

glows with thy fire divine.

2. Breathe on me, breath of God,

4. Breathe on me, breath of God:

until my heart is pure,

so shall I never die,

until my will is one with thine

but live with thee the perfect life

to do and to endure.

of thine 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 501 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Wiltshire

*1. Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.*

*4. O make but trial of God's love;
experience will decide
how blest and favoured are they all
who in this love confide.*

*2. O magnify the Lord with me,
exalt the sacred name;
when in distress to heaven I called,
God to my rescue came.*

*5. Fear God, you saint, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
let service be your life's delight;
your wants shall be God's care.*

*3. The guardian hosts encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance they provide to all
who in God's shelter trust.*

*6. To Father, Son and Spirit blest,
the God whom we adore
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.*

Postlude Mankind, Bewail Your Grievous Sin

J S Bach

You are invited to join in conversation over a cup of tea or coffee in Thompson Hall.

Quartet Kate Wright, Caroline Schmidt, Quade Nielsen, Alan Macdonald
Greeters Jeff Ostic, Jane Anne Murray
Readers Diana Spearn, John Spearn
Technician Gerry Hill

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

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate towards memorial flowers at Easter, please contact Elaine Dightam with the names. Please leave a message at the church office 519-846-5911. 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 Unforgetting 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

TODAY at 4:00 p.m.

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*).

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.

This Week at St. John's

Today	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
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

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	April 6	7:30 pm - Holy Communion with Parish Choir. We conclude in darkness and silence as we enter the Holy Triduum.
Good Friday	April 7	11:00 a.m. - Solemn Liturgy and Meditations on the Passion with combined Parish Choir and Volunteer Choir.



Easter Sunday	April 8	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Choral Communion with Parish Choir
----------------------	----------------	--

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

Rector:	The Rev'd Canon Paul J. Walker	rector.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
Administration:	Thomas Littlewood	parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Church of St. John the Evangelist
36 Henderson Street
Elora, ON N0B 1S0
519-846-5911

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

stjohns@sentex.net

www.stjohnselora.ca



