



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

*Choral Evensong
for the
Feast of St. Philip and St. James
(transferred from May 1)*

*April 30, 2023
4:00 pm*

4:00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs are available from the Greeters at the back of the church.

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: These are they which follow the lamb

John Goss

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96.9*

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.

Jeff Enns

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 119.33-40 (sung)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity, and quicken thou me in thy ways.
O stablish thy word to thy servant, that I may fear thee.
Take away the reproach that I am afraid of; for thy judgements are good.
Behold, I have longed for thy precepts: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Magnificat Evening Service in B minor

T. Tertius Noble

*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

John 14.6-14

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Nunc Dimittis Evening Service in B minor

T. Tertius Noble

*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.

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.

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.**

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 of the Day

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son 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 Crucem tuam adoramus

Pawel Lukaszewski

We adore Thy Cross, O Lord

and we praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection

for behold by the wood of the Cross joy has come into the whole world.

Offertory Hymn 30 God, that Madest Earth and Heaven

Ar Hyd Y Nos

1. God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light; who the day for toil hast given, for rest, the night; may thine angel guards defend us, slumber sweet thy mercy send us, holy dreams and hopes attend us, this live long night.

2. Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die, may we in thy mighty keeping all peaceful lie: when the last dread call shall wake us, do not thou our God forsake us, but to reign in glory take us with thee on high.

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 24 Abide with Me

Eventide

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, above with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see: O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ill's have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee: in life in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Readers: Meg Prichard, Catherine Robertson

Technician: Rod Murray

Choir: Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmachovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Daniel Cockayne

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

Coronation Evensong

SUNDAY May 28 at 4:00 p.m. in Thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III followed by Garden Tea. Royal garden tea party attire, hats and fascinators are welcome. Contact Pam Gradwell if you can help with the garden tea.

The Song Circle FRIDAY at 10:30 a.m.

Sing some old favourite tunes in the Parish Centre each Friday morning at 10:30 led by Stan Litch on ukulele. Lyrics provided. Requests encouraged. Contact Stan Litch for more information at <ukestan6116@gmail.com> or 519 843 5915.

Patronal Feast and Coronation Lunch

NEXT SUNDAY May 7 - Plans are well underway for a Patronal Service and Coronation Lunch hosted outside on the lawn under gazebo tents, weather permitting. See the sign up sheet at the back of the church to indicate how you can help with tea, coffee, or contributing sweets or sandwiches, or the set up team and the clean up crew. Contact Bob Cooper for more information. It is a community event, so all are welcome.

Financial Report

Extract from accounts for the 3 months to 31st March 2023.

Income	Actual	Budget
Offerings	43,772	45,000
Choir	13,870	15,000
Concert Series	9,780	9,500
Facilities Hire	1,045	1,050
Invest Fund	<u>28,975</u>	<u>28,975</u>
TOTAL	97,442	99,525

As you can see, our income is running fairly close to Budget. Our expenses too are a little under Budget and so our 'bottom line' deficit is where we expected to be at this stage in the year. Thank you for your generous commitment to support our ministry at St. John's - Andrew Hirst, Treasurer

Food Bank

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the food hamper in the narthex of the church for the Food Bank.

Compline

TUESDAY May 2 and June 6 at 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.

May Recital SATURDAY May 13 at 3:00 p.m.

"Just Her Cup of Tea: Sweet Songs to Celebrate Mum" featuring Autumn Debassige, mezzo-soprano from the Parish Choir, and accompanied by Angus Sinclair on piano. No tickets required. Donations are welcome to support our music program.

Elora Festival Book Sale May 5-7

Donations of books can be left in the depot shed at 380 St. Andrew Street West in Fergus at any time. The shed is emptied each day so books are sorted and priced. For further information contact the Elora Festival office at 519-846-0331.

Engaging at St. John's

One of the priorities is to "Engage and Involve" people in the life of St. John's. If you would like to become more involved in the life of St. John's, as a first step please contact the Rector. There are many ways to be involved and we are happy to have your engagement.

This Week at St. John's

Today	4:00	Choral Evensong with Parish Choir
Monday	2:00	What We Say We Believe (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	2:30	PWRDF Meeting (Parish Centre)
	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
	6:30	Compline Choir
Wednesday	8:00	Compline Service
	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
Thursday	10:00	Holy Communion
	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
Friday	7:00	Parish Choir
	10:30	Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Sunday May 7 - Patronal Festival

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist
11:00	Choral Communion with Parish Choir followed by Coronation Lunch

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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