



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

April 30, 2023
11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's

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

Mass Setting Simple Communion Service

William Henry Harris

Processional Hymn 491 The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

St. Magnus

*1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.*

*4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.*

*2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.*

*5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.*

*3. the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below, to whom
he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.*

*6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him,
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(congregation may be seated or kneel)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie (quartet)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Celebrant: O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Lesson Acts 2.42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 *(plainchant)*

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall restore my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(please stand)

GOSPEL John 10.1-10

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 10th chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 1st verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Hymn 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

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

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Come unto me and rest;

lay down, thou weary one,

lay down thy dead 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.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." (Revelation 5.12)

INTERCESSIONS *(You may kneel or sit for prayer)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples of Canada. Let us pray for all who need our prayers today, and all who have died in the peace of Christ.

Leader: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy

mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Linda, our Primate, and Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.....Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God,

All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and

strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, creator and Preserver of all things. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Quartet: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made

there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he give it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: And with thy Spirit.

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Quartet: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the singing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it.

Communion Anthem O quam gloriosum

Tomás Luis de Victoria

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.
 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 trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.**
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

Hymn 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for
thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through
all eternity.*

*2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on
high, who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.*

3. *Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole,
that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and
praise. His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise
extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

4. *Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never,
never fail throughout eternity.*

POSTLUDE Voluntary in G

Henry Heron

Flowers are given to the glory of God

You are invited downstairs to Thompson Hall
for some refreshments and conversation with others.

Quartet	Rebecca McKay, Caroline Schmidt, Lanny Fleming, Michael Cressman
Readers	Jane Anne Murray, Caroline Schmidt
Chalice Bearers	Damaris Martin
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue, Mardy Langford
Flower Guild	Barb Clarke

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.

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

Evensong

TODAY at 4:00 p.m. for the Feast of St. Philip and St. James.

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.

"What We Say We Believe"

MONDAY at 2:00 p.m. Join a small group of people who are learning more about the liturgical texts of the Anglican tradition.

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	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	2:30	PWRDF Meeting (Parish Centre)
	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
	6:30	Compline Choir
	8:00	Compline Service
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
	11:00	Coronation Lunch Planning Team
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Parish Choir
Friday	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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