



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, May 14, 2023

11am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Rogation Sunday and Commemoration of
Florence Nightingale*

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

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

This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's Elora You Tube.

Introit Give Almes of thy Goods

Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods,
and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord
shall not be turned away from thee.

Processional Hymn 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

*1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening
to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

"I will not leave you orphaned. The Father will give you an Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will be with you forever."

- See John 14.23

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 Venite

(remain standing)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

*O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
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.*

Lesson 1 Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm 66.7-19

(Congregation remain seated)

O praise our God, ye people's, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.
For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
Thou didst bring us into the snare, and didst lay trouble upon our loins.
Thou didst suffer men to ride over our heads:
we went through fire and water, but thou didst bring us out into a place of freedom.
I will go into thine house with burnt offerings; I will pay thee my vows,
Which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer unto thee fat burnt sacrifices with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks and goats.
O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God,
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
I called unto him with my mouth, and gave him praises with my tongue.
If I had regarded wickedness in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me.
But verily God hath heard me, and considered the voice of my prayer.
Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, not turned his mercy from me.

Lesson II John 14.15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world

cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Jubilate Deo in D

George Dyson

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise.
be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

(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.**

Responses are sung.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit for prayer)

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

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 trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
 All: **And grant us thy salvation.**
 Minister: O Lord, save the King;
 All: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
 Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
 All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
 Minister: O Lord, save thy people;
 All: **And bless thine inheritance.**
 Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
 All: **And evermore mightily defend us.**
 Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
 All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for the Day

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 Density of Light

Sarah Quartel

Density of light
 that could shatter the cold rock of the moon,
 compacted flame
 that only the face of holy love could withstand,
 may Christ reflect your blaze
 to the distant satellite of my heart
 and melt the fear
 that from the orbit of my days
 you would scatter
 my dim shards to darkness.

Density of light,
 compacted flame,
 sudden lightning,
 draw me onward through thick darkness
 trusting
 that light shall spring from the grave
 and the coldest rock in space
 shall join in a blaze of song:
 glory, glory, glory,
 glory be to you O God.

*from 'Density of light'
 Thomas H. Troeger*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 629 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Fulda

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

1. *Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.*

3. *Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me –
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.*

2. *Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.*

4. *O let the dead now hear thy voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.*

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 527 How Firm a Foundation

St. Denio 393

1. *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith n his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?*

3. *When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

2. *"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed?
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
up held by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

4. *When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design thy dross to consume,
and thy gold to refine.*

5. *The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to
shake, I'll never – no, never – no never forsake.*

Postlude **Chaconne in G minor**

Francois Couperin

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Veronica Punnett,
the gift of her husband, Gerald.

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

Choir	Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Valerie Nunn, Caroline Schmidt, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Ian Rice, Maureen MacIntyre
Readers	Audrey Coates, Jeffrey Smith
Flower Guild	Sylvia Arthur
Technician	Rod Murray

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.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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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

Gratitude for Coronation Lunch

The rain outside and the plumbing challenges inside last Sunday afternoon did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist and a feast of a Coronation Lunch. Many thanks to everyone who played a part to make the event such a success and particularly to Bob Cooper for being our leader. The event was featured on CTV Kitchener news and in the Wellington Advertiser.

Coronation Evensong

SUNDAY May 28 at 4:00 p.m.

We gather at a special Choral Evensong to offer thanks 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.

Philip Dunsmore

There will be a service to give thanks for the life of Philip Dunsmore and commend him to God's eternal love on Friday June 2 at 1:30pm. Our prayers and love continue to be with Barb and Graham and the family. May Philip rest in peace and rise in glory.

I Carry Your Heart: A Choral Celebration

SUNDAY June 18 at 3:30pm

Join the Parish Choir for an informal afternoon concert to celebrate the end of the choral year. Featuring our favourite anthems from the past year as well as some more unexpected and fun music that we don't often get to sing. Hear us in a whole new light as we sing for you out from behind the choir stalls!

"Pop-up" Children's Choir with Kate Wright

FRIDAY June 16, 5-7pm

Do you know a young person who loves to sing? In anticipation of relaunching our children's music program in the fall, St. John's is hosting a one-evening drop-in choir for singers ages 8+ this June. Led by our own Kate Wright, singers will learn 2 new songs and are invited to sing on the Choral Celebration concert with the Parish Choir the same weekend (see above). A pizza dinner will be provided. For more information or to register, email music.stjohnselora@gmail.com.

The Song Circle

FRIDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Sing some favourite tunes in the Parish Centre on Friday mornings at 10:30 led by Stan Litch on ukulele. Lyrics provided. Requests encouraged.

Compline

TUESDAY 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.

Opportunity for Participation

The Ontario Ministry of Education requires students to complete 40 hours of volunteer activities in the community in order to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Currently, St John's is in need of a volunteer who is comfortable making posts to Facebook and Instagram for our active social media presence. If you know of a young person who could fill this summer role, perhaps your son/daughter, grandchild or neighbour, please contact Colleen Murray within the week.

Food Bank

Bring non-perishable food items to the food hamper in the narthex of the church for the Food Bank.

Elora Festival

Calling all volunteers! The Elora Festival is holding a Volunteer Event on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm at St John's Elora in preparation of the 2023 Elora Festival. Come hear about the 2023 festival concerts, meet the team and - most importantly - sign up to volunteer! If you can't make the event but are interested in volunteering, contact volunteers@elorasingers.ca.

This Week at St. John's

Monday

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

5:30 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

7:00 Elora Festival Volunteer Event (Thompson Hall)

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)

7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Sunday May 21 - Sunday after Ascension

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Baptism and Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Matins with Parish Choir