



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

*Choral Evensong  
for the  
Commemoration of Henry, Bishop in Finland  
(d.1156)*

*July 13, 2023  
5:00 pm*

## 5:00pm 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.*

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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.*

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*You are invited to make a donation this evening to support The Elora Festival.*

**Prelude Magnificat VII.toni**

Heinrich Scheiderman (1595-1663)

**Hymn 26 To You Before the Close of Day**

Te Lucis

*1.To you before the close of day,  
Creator of all things, we pray  
that, in your saving constancy,  
our guard and keeper you would be.*

*3.A healthy life we ask of you:  
the fire of love in us renew,  
and when the dawn new light will bring,  
your praise and glory we shall sing.*

*2.Save us from troubled, restless sleep;  
from all ill dreams your children keep.  
So calm our minds that fears may cease  
and rested bodies wake in peace.*

*4.Almighty Father, hear our cry  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord most high,  
whom with the Spirit we adore  
forever and forever more.*

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.**

*(please kneel or sit)*

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.*

Rose

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 96**

Ivor Atkins

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his honour among the nations, and his wonders among all people.  
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; but it is the Lord that made the heavens.  
Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, ascribe unto the Lord glory and power.  
Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; bring presents and come into his courts.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King;  
he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.  
Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.  
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord;  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

## FIRST LESSON

### 1 Corinthians 4.1,2,9-13

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

### Magnificat Evening Service in A

Stanford

*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 4.30-32

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

### Nunc Dimittis Evening Service in A

Stanford

*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.*

Rose

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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; 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 Let All the People Praise Thee, O God**

William Mathias

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.  
Then shall the earth bring 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.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us:  
And shew 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.  
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.

**Homily The Very Rev'd Tim Dobbin**

**Dean of Niagara and Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton**

**Offertory Hymn 343 When All Thy Mercies, O My God**

St. Stephen

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*1. When all thy mercies,  
O my God, my rising soul surveys,  
transported with the view,  
I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*3. Ten thousand thousand precious gifts  
my daily thanks employ;  
nor is the least a cheerful heart,  
that tastes those gifts with joy.*

*2. Unnumbered comforts to my soul  
thy tender care bestowed,  
before my infant heart conceived  
from whom those comforts flowed.*

*4. Through every period of my life  
thy goodness I'll pursue;  
and after death, in distant worlds,  
the glorious theme renew.*

*5.Through all eternity  
to thee a joyful song I'll raise  
for O, eternity's too short  
to utter all thy praise.*

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 29 The Day Thou Gavest**

St. Clement

*1.The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest,  
To thee our morning hymns ascended;  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*

*3.As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.*

*2.We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.*

*4.The sun that bids us rest is waking  
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.*

*5.So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands and grows forever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.*

**Postlude**    **Carillon**

Herbert Murill (1909-1952)

Homilist:        The Very Reverend Tim Dobbin  
                    Dean of Niagara and Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton  
Choir:            The Elora Singers  
Conductor:      Mark Vuorinen  
Organist:        Jonathan Oldengarm  
Readers:         Michael Cressman, Peter Barr  
Greeters:        Peter Barr, Wendy Donohue  
Crucifer:         Fred Thompson

## Events This Week at St. John's

*(For The Elora Festival concerts hosted at Gambrel Barn, Melville United and St. Joseph's Church, please see The Elora Festival brochure)*

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00pm	The Elora Festival: Organ Recital with Jonathan Oldengarm
<b>Friday</b>	10:30	Song Circle (Parish Centre)
	11:30	The Elora Festival - Music in the Village: "Goopy British Deliciousness"
	1:30	Communion Service at Heritage River
<b>Saturday</b>	1:30	The Elora Festival - John Beckwith: A Tribute with The Elora Singers

### **Sunday July 16 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:00 Holy Communion
- 9:00 Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 Choral Matins with The Elora Singers
- 1:00 The Elora Festival - Music in The Village: Noël Wan on Harp
- 1:30 The Elora Festival - New Zealand String Quartet

## **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	<a href="mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com">rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com</a>
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## Welcome to St. John's Elora

### 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)

### Elora Festival

At Evensong we welcome The Elora Singers under the direction of Artistic Director Mark Vuorinen, guest organist, Jonathan Oldengarm, and guest preacher, The Very Rev'd Dr. Tim Dobbin, Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral and Dean of Niagara.

The Elora Singers are at St. John's on Sunday July 16 for Choral Matins at 11:00 a.m.

For tickets to concerts, please visit [Elora Festival online](#), pick up a brochure at the back of the church or call 519-846-0331.

Evensong is offered on the last Sunday of the month at St. John's (September to June) at 4:00 p.m. with the St. John's Parish Choir.

### Offerings

Please consider supporting the mission and ministry of St. John's Elora. Scan the QR code (below) to donate by credit cards.



### Music in the Village

[Music in the Village](#) is a free event offered by Elora Singers and other Elora musicians held at the Elora Green Space weather permitting.

**July 14, 11:30 am:** "Goopy British Deliciousness" featuring Katy Clark, Jennifer Krabbe, Christina Stelmacovich, Nicholas Nicolaidis and Paul Grambo singing Part Songs

**July 16, 1:00 pm:** Noël Wan – Harpist

### The Song Circle

**FRIDAYS at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us to sing some favourite tunes on Friday mornings at 10:30 in the Parish Centre.

Lyrics provided. No experience necessary. We continue to the end of July and take August off.

### Elora Children's Choir

After their debut performance at the end of the season concert with the St. John's Parish Choir last month, the Elora Children's Choir, under the direction of Kate Wright, welcomes children ages 8 and up

to come to sing in September. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at [music.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:music.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### **New Organ Console**

Originally built in 1937, our two manual Casavant organ console has served well for almost 90 years. However, in recent years it has been showing its age, and is becoming increasingly less reliable. Furthermore, as the organ has grown, its resources have exceeded the capacity of a two-manual console.

In the fall of 2022, we were able to acquire a three-manual console. This console began its life in the 1990s, as a Rodgers electronic organ. The entire console was stripped down to its keyboards, and new state-of-the-art pipe organ components have been lovingly installed by Derek Verveer and his crew at Oxford Organs.

This new console, near completion, is expected to be installed beginning on July 26 over a four week period. It will give us greater reliability for the pipe organ part of our instrument, as well as finally allowing us to make full use of the electronic division donated by the estate of David Rogers in 2012. The organ will retain the characteristic sound that we love and enjoy, but with the addition of numerous lower-sounding stops and solo colours to add richness to the ensemble.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Jurgen Petrenko. Jurgen is always happy to talk about the organ!

### **A Vision for St. John's Elora: Open Doors**

St John's is working on a project to connect the church and the Parish Centre (the yellow house next door) to provide accessible washrooms, barrier-free meeting and reception space, and a commercial kitchen to help serve the needs of our growing community. We are in the planning stages currently, and hope to have regulatory approvals by the end of the year. Story boards and information brochures are available at the back of the church. We are excited about the future this project will bring to our community and welcome your feedback and support.

### **Parking**

[Maps](#) indicating streets with designated parking spots are available on the [Centre Wellington website](#) and at the back of the church.

### **Food Insecurity**

Presently it is estimated that 4,000 people in Centre Wellington experience food insecurity. You are invited to bring non perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank and participate in the Community Lunch held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Elora Legion.