



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, September 10, 2023

11am

*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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.*

Introit Peace I Leave With You

Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.
Peace I leave with you.

Hymn 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

Oriel

*1. To the name of our salvation
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many generation
hid in God's fore knowledge lay,
but with holy exultation,
we may sing aloud today.*

*3. 'Tis the name that whoso preaches
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches
finds its comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches,
heavenly joy possesses here.*

*2. Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well,
name of sweetness passing
measure, saving us from sin and hell.*

*4. Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, when'er assaulted,
we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted,
eyes to blind and feet to lame.*

*5. Therefore we in love adoring,
this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring
so to write it in us here that,
here after heavenward soaring,
we may sing with angels there.*

"O sing to the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things."

- Psalm 98.1

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 by choir.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

Choir: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

Choir: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

(please stand)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

Choir: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Canticle Venite

Barnby

(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 Exodus 12.1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 149

(Congregation remain seated)

O sing unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in hi that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his Name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.
For the Lord hath pleasure in his people, and adorneth the humble with salvation.
Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them sing for joy upon their couches.
Let the praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hands.
To be avenged of the nations, and to rebuke the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains, and their nobles with links of iron;
To execute upon them the judgement that is written. Such honour have all his saints.

Lesson II Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Benedictus (*from Short Service*)

Orlando Gibbons

*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.

Responses are sung by choir.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Choir: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit for prayer)

Choir: **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;

Choir: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the King;

Choir: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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 Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name
To ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.

Glory to the father, and to the son, and to the
Holy Spirit.

Both now and forever, And unto ages and ages.
Amen.

Homily Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 369 Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Ebenezer

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

*1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee
while thine ordered seasons run:
alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost
sent! Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!*

*3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess:
alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost
send. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!*

*2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life giving breath;
alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost
send! Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!*

*4. God the Father, Light Creator,
to thee laud and honour be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light Revealer, glory, glory be to
thee: mortals, angels, now and ever praise the
holy Trinity!*

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 486 Live Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven
to earth come down, fix in us thy humble
dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus,
thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love
thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every
trembling heart.*

*2. Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace
receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore
thy temples leave. Thee we would be always
blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray
and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy
perfect love.*

3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crown before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Postlude

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ron Watkins, the gift of his daughters, Linda and Debora.

Choir Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barecca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters Jane Houlding, Mark Haslett
Readers Lanny Fleming, Guinevere Kern
Flowers Nancy Knudstrup
Technician

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. 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
Please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave.

Thank you from Thomas Littlewood

Rebecca and I are full of gratitude for your very generous gift for our wedding. As many of you know, we're honeymooning in New Zealand later this year, and we will use the gift on that trip. We had a lovely wedding on August 19, the weather turned out perfectly, everybody was happy, and the bride was beautiful. Thank you!

Elora Children's Choir

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

New Organ Console

Much progress has been made towards the installation of our new console, although at this point none of it is visible. We hope that the new console will arrive the week of September 18, and will possibly be playable by September 24, and hopefully by October 1. At first we will only have the pipe portion of the organ, as the electronic enhancements have been delayed. More updates to come as they become available.

New Microphone Installation for Parish Choir

We have been working with Sherwood Systems over the summer to install new hanging microphones in the church to capture the sound of the choir. These new microphones will improve the audio quality of our livestream and enable us to release recordings online as part of the choir's musical outreach activities. To hear examples of what the new microphone setup will allow us to do, you can visit the church YouTube where we have just started releasing recordings from the Parish Choir concert last June, recorded using a demonstration version of the new setup. The microphones are designed to have a low visual impact in the space; you might not even notice they are there! We anticipate this project will be completed this week.

All Things Bright and Beautiful - Saturday September 23, 9:30 to 12 noon

Come to buy jewelry, scarves, purses and decorative wall pictures to support the music program at St. John's. You can bring any good condition items to the Parish Centre on Wednesday or Friday mornings. Contact Barb Dunsmore for more information.

New Church Signs

After months of planning and design, you will notice a new church sign installed by the church tower and a sign on the Parish Centre. Thank you to Brian at Custom Signs in Mount Forrest for the construction and installation and Shirley AI for the design work.

Culture Days in Centre Wellington

Ontario Culture Days, September 22 to October 15, is an annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage. It features many creative events and activities across Ontario, with a hub of events featured in Elora and Fergus.

See the all events that are highlighted for [Culture Days in Elora/Fergus](#) and scroll down the list to see the events offered this year from St. John's Elora.

A Memorial to mark TRC DAY - September 30

The Knitters and Quilters invite you to help create a memorial of orange feathers to mark TRC DAY on September 30. To participate in the Orange Feather Project come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday morning or [contact Barb Dunsmore](#) for more information.

Two Families Need Your Help

The Rector is aware of someone in transition who needs a couch. If you have a couch that is in good condition that you can donate or sell, please let the Rector know.

A parishioner living in Elora is voluntarily relinquishing their driver's licence and is looking for someone to drive them to church and to appointments. Remuneration provided. Please contact the Rector for more information.

Food Insecurity

Bring non perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank. A Community Lunch is offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Elora Legion.

Song Circle

Fridays at 10:30 in the Parish Centre join Stan on ukelele as he leads people in singing some old favourites. Song books provided. Bring your enthusiastic presence and a friend.

Parking

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

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

11:00 Clericus Gathering at St. John's

5:30 Volunteer Choir (all are welcome)

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

7:30 Parish Choir

Sunday September 17 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir