



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Eflora, Ontario

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Mattins
September 25, 2022
11:00am

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hymn books, prayer books and hearing assist devices
are available at the back of the church.*

Face masks are recommended when indoors at St. John's.

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.

Processional Hymn 501 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Wiltshire

1. Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

4. O make but trial of God's love; experience will decide how blest and favoured are they all who in this love confide.

2. O magnify the Lord with me, exalt the sacred name; when in distress to heaven I called, God to my rescue came.

5. Fear God, you saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; let service be your life's delight; your wants shall be God's care.

3. The guardian hosts encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliverance they provide to all who in God's shelter trust.

6. To Father, Son, and Spirit blest, the God whom we adore be glory, as it was is now, and shall be evermore.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

- Isaiah 6.3

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 1 Timothy 6.6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16

(Congregation remain seated)

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, "Thou art my refuge and my stronghold; my God in whom I will trust.
For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him;

I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with in with him in trouble;

I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Lesson II Luke 16.19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

Canticle Jubilate Deo

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, her mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.

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.

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.**

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

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because our frailty without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 In Paradisum, from Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

*May the angels lead you into paradise,
may the martyrs receive you in your coming,
and may they guide you into the holy city Jerusalem.
May the chorus of angels receive you and with Lazarus once poor may you have eternal rest.*

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

*1. Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with
life anew, that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am
wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows
with thy fire divine.*

*2. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my
heart is pure, until my will is one with thine to
do and to endure.*

*4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I
never die, but live with thee the perfect life of
thine eternity.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.
(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 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

*1. God of grace and God of glory, on your
people pour your power, now fulfil your
church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the
facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*3. Cure your children's warring madness.
Bend our pride to your control. Shame our
wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your
Christ, assail his ways. Fears and doubts too
long have bound us; free our hearts to work
and praise, Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives
that they may be armoured with all Christlike
graces in the fight for liberty. Grant us
wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail
ourselves and thee,
lest we fail ourselves and thee.*

Postlude **Plein Jeu and Fugue sur la Trompette**

Francois Couperin

Flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Gwen Scott.

Quartet Rebecca McKay, Lanny Fleming, Alan Macdonald
Readers Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Greeters
Flower Guild

Technician Rod Murray

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 rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com
Director of Music: Dr. Patrick Murray music.stjohnselora@gmail.com
Organist: Jurgen Petrenko
Sexton and Caretaker: Garry Cantlon sexton.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Church of St. John the Evangelist
36 Henderson Street
Elora, ON N0B 1S0
519-846-5911

Follow St. John's Elora on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube

stjohns@sentex.net
www.stjohnselora.ca



This Week at St. John's

Today	4:00 p.m. Evensong for St. Michael and All Angels and Reception for Rev'd Judy Steers
Monday	7:00 p.m. Portage Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Community Lunch Program prep 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	6:30 p.m. Wedding for Felicia Gow and Daniel Skripkariuk
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir 4:00 p.m. Installation of Dean Dobbin, Licensing of New Assistant Bishop, Collation of new Archdeacons, and Installation of new Honorary Canons, Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton

Weekly Pastoral Letters

Receive a weekly Pastoral Letter on Saturdays from the Rector with latest news of events at St. John's and a short reflection. Please let Paul know at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Evensong - TODAY at 4pm

Celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels and give thanks to Rev'd Judy Steers. Judy is now working as full time chaplain at St. John's Kilmarnock School. To keep Judy connected to the life of a parish community, the bishop has appointed her as an Honorary Assistant at St. John's Elora.

To contribute to a thank you gift for Judy please mark your donation "Curate's Gift". This donation cannot be eligible for a charitable receipt.

Installation of New Dean and Honorary Canons

Over the past two years, the bishop has appointed a new Dean and some new Honorary Canons (including our own Rector at Synod in 2020). Next Sunday is the first opportunity we have had to gather in-person at the Cathedral to formally install these people in these new roles. You are welcome to a special service at the Cathedral on October 2, 4pm to celebrate these new appointments.

NEW: Parish Retreat Day

Saturday October 22, 10-3, at St John's Kilmarnock School. Archbishop Colin Johnson, retired bishop from the Diocese of Toronto and now appointed Assistant Bishop (part time) in the Diocese of Niagara, is our speaker. This is an important parish event in our annual calendar that we haven't had since 2019, so make an effort to attend.

NEW: Choral Compline at St. John's Elora and Call for Volunteer Singers

We are pleased to welcome the return of Compline (Evening Prayer) services once per month on Tuesdays beginning in October. Drawing on traditional plainchant and Renaissance choral music, this service is almost entirely sung from beginning to end, creating a space of quiet contemplation for the end of the day. **Compline will be offered from 8-8:30pm on Tuesdays October 4, November 8, and December 6.**

New this fall, we are seeking volunteer singers from our congregation and the broader community to join section leaders from the Parish Choir to sing this service. Singers will be invited to gather at 6:30pm to rehearse for an 8pm service. Singers are welcomed to RSVP to sing each month as they are available; music will be made available in advance, and there is no need to commit to all Compline events throughout the year. Strong music reading is an asset, and an interest in learning about Renaissance music is a plus.

If you would like to express your interest in singing in one or more Compline services this year, please contact Patrick at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Book Group

Brian McLaren's book, "Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, The Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" will be discussed in October over three sessions. There are two books available for loan, or you can order it online. Contact Jon Warland or the Rector for more information.

Poppy Project

We are creating new poppy banners and garlands for our poppy project installation this year. Please bring your poppies to the parish centre before the end of September. Come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday at 9:30 to help us attach poppies to netting. This year the project marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Col John McCrae.

Calls to Action Reading Group

We are planning to gather in October to read through and reflect on the 94 Calls to Action. Please contact Guinevere Kern for more information through the Parish Office.

Christmas Puddings

We are making the traditional Christmas puddings again this year and needing some 28 ounce tin cans. Please bring clean tin cans without labels to the Parish Centre.

Supporting St. John's

Support St. John's financially through: a box of weekly Offering Envelopes; a monthly gift through Preauthorized Giving (PAG) - forms are available at the back of the church or on the website. Contact Steve Hornett for more information about giving to St. John's.