



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario

Harvest Thanksgiving

Choral Mattins

October 9, 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.

Introit Giving Thanks

Jeff Enns

Processional Hymn 262 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*1. Come, ye thankful people come,
raise the song of harvest home!*

*All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be
supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of
harvest home!*

*2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his
praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow
grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and
pure may be.*

*3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his
harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge
away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to
cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.*

*4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest
home!
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free
from sin, there forever purified, in thy presence to
abide:
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest home.*

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

- Psalm 24.1

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for it becometh well the just to be thankful."

- Psalm 33.1

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.

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 Deuteronomy 26.1-11

“When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to Lord God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 67

(Congregation remain seated)

*God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
and show 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.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad;
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.*

The earth hath brought 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.

Lesson II John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Canticle Jubilate Deo

H. Hugh Bancroft

*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 Harvest Thanksgiving

O Almighty and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and has given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season: Give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly thank thee for all thy loving-kindness, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; 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 The Call

Gail Randall

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
Such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
Such a Light as shows a Feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love.*

- George Herbert

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 259 For the Fruit of All Creation

*1. For the fruit of all creation thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth
while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's
safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

*2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done. In the
help we give our neighbour, God's will is done. In our
worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

*3. For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For
the wonders that astound us, for the truths that
still confound us, most of all, that love has found
us, thanks be to God.*

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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

*1. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands
and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in
whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's
arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts
of love, and still is ours today.*

*2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be
near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to
cheer us, and nourish us with grace, and guide us
when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world
and the next.*

*3. All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth
adore;
for thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.*

Postlude Marche Triomphale on Nun Danket

Siegfried Karg-Ebert

Flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of my parent, Ernest and Grace Watkins, the gift of Gwyneth;
also in loving memory of my husband Ned and son Steven,
the gift of Elizabeth Hanson

Choir Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi Kate Wright,
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Pastoral Letter

To receive a weekly email letter from the Rector with news of upcoming parish events and a reflection, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Parish Retreat Day

Saturday October 22, 10-3, at Wellington County Museum, Aboyne Hall. (NOTE new location). Please register this week so we can plan for food. You can sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, or register using the link in the Pastoral Letter.

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.

Theme: "Abundance and Presence: Five Meals with Jesus in the Gospel of John". This is an important parish event in our annual calendar that we haven't had since 2019, so make an effort to attend. We will also hear some updates on our Vision for St. John's (approved at Vestry in June 2021).

Service of Confirmation and Reaffirmation - Sunday October 16, 4pm at the Cathedral.

Dawn McClure is reaffirming her baptismal and confirmation vows at this service along with candidates from other parishes across the diocese. The service is live-streamed on the Diocese of Niagara YouTube Channel. Your prayers and presence are welcome.

Book Group

Brian McLaren's book, "Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, The Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" will be discussed over three sessions starting Saturday October 15 at 10am or Wednesday October 19 at 4pm. Let Jon Warland or Paul know which time works for you. There are two books available for loan, or you can order it online.

Calls to Action Reading Group

You are invited to gather on Tuesdays, beginning October 11, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom to read through and reflect on the 94 Calls to Action. The Zoom link was provided in the Pastoral Letter.

Evensong - Sunday October 30 at 4pm

Celebrate the Feast of All Saints with a special commemoration for the life and witness of Queen Elizabeth II.

Compline - Tuesday November 8

Last week we offered an inspiring service of Compline with members from the parish and community joining the choir. If you want to be a part of the Compline Choir next month, please let Patrick know, and plan to come to a rehearsal at 6:30. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Act of Remembrance - Sunday November 13

Pray for peace and participate in an act of Remembrance with our special Poppy Project installation.

Poppy Project

Sunday October 23 will be the date for installing the poppy project this year. Come to the Knitters and Social on Wednesday at 9:30 to help us attach poppies to netting. The poppies will be on display October 24 to November 14.

If you can be a host for one hour on the three weekends that the poppies are up, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. Hosts welcome visitors and guests to St. John's.

This year the project marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Col John McCrae.

Christmas Puddings

Traditional Christmas puddings are for sale. Orders can be placed with Clare Johnston and Pam Gradwell. \$20 for regular and \$10 for small. Gluten free option is available. Please pay when you place your order. They will be made on October 13 and 14.

Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones, please leave a message for Elaine Dightam at the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is OPEN Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12pm or by appointment.

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.

This Week at St. John's

Monday	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	10:00	Community Meal Preparation
	11:00	Clericus at All Saints Church, Guelph
	5:30	Volunteer Choir
	7:30	Calls to Action Reading Group (Zoom)
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Social
	10:00	Communion Service
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	1:00	Pudding Making
	7:30	Parish Choir
Friday	9:00	Pudding Making
	11:00	Communion Service at Heritage River
Sunday	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9:00	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	11:00	Holy Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir
	4:00	Confirmation and Reaffirmation Service - Cathedral