



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, October 22, 2023

11am

*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
Twenty First 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.*

Prelude

Processional Hymn 337 God, Your Glorious Presence

Arnsberg

*1. God, your glorious presence draws us to
adore you, and with awe appear before you.
In your holy temple, all keep mystic silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
You alone God we own,
you our God and Saviour:
praise your name forever.*

*2. In God's glorious presence
hear the harps resounding!
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy," hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the
praises that your church now raises.*

*3. Fount of endless blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels who behold your splendour,
may I ceaseless worship render.
Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.*

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

- Psalm 122.1

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.**

Introit The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
And give you peace,
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 Exodus 33.12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Psalm 99

(Congregation remain seated)

The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble; he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

The Lord is great in Sion, and high above all the peoples.

Let them give thanks unto thy Name, which is great and wonderful; for he is holy.

The King's power loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity:

thou dost execute judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name;

these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar;

for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

Thou heardest them, O Lord our God;

thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their doings.

O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

Lesson II Matthew 22.15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people

with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Jubilate

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

*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.

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 Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; 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 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

John Rutter

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 And with fear and trembling stand;
 Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
 For with blessing in his hand
 Christ our God to earth descendeth,
 Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
 Spreads its vanguard on the way,
 As the Light of light descendeth
 From the realms of endless day,
 That the powers of hell may vanish
 As the darkness clears away.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
 As of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords, in human vesture,
 In the body and the blood:
 He will give to all the faithful
 His own self for heavenly food.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
 Cherubim with sleepless eye,
 Veil their faces to the Presence,
 As with ceaseless voice they cry,
 Alleluya, Alleluya,
 Alleluya, Lord most high!

Offertory Hymn 617 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Botolph

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

*1. Jesus, the very thought of thee,
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.*

*3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek;
to those who ask, how kind thou art,
thou good to those who seek!*

*2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
the Saviour of us all.*

*4. But what to those who find?
Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus,
what it is none but his lovers know.*

*5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.*

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 380 O Worship the King

Hanover

*1. O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.*

*4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.*

*2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.*

*3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall ring to thy praise.*

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Marcus Kramer, Quade Nielsen, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Maureen MacIntyre, Ian Rice
Readers	Diana Spearn, John Spearn
Flowers	Barb Clarke
Technician	Heather Malek-Shankland

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 Elora

Welcome to St. John's

We are delighted you are here today. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave. 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

Open Doors Update

Yesterday we heard an update on the Open Doors project and today you are invited to an on-site walk about with Edward Thomas, the architect at 12:30.

Elora Children's Choir - Monday at 6:00

Under the direction of Kate Wright we welcome children ages 8 and up to come to sing. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Compline - Tuesday November 7

6:30 - Compline Choir rehearsal. Let Patrick Murray know you are coming.

8:00 - Compline service. All are welcome.

Song Circle

Fridays at 10:30 in the Parish Centre. Join Stan on ukulele as he leads us in singing some favourite old tunes. Song books provided.

Order of Niagara

Sunday October 29, 4:00 p.m. at Christ's Church Cathedral.

Jurgen will receive the Order of Niagara.

If you would like to sing in the choir at the cathedral for this service, please let Patrick know. If you would like to go to the cathedral and would like to carpool with others let me or Thomas know.

There will be a reception for Jurgen after the 11am service on Sunday November 5.

Poppy Project 2023

Weather permitting, we hope to install the poppies at the church on Saturday October 28 10:30 a.m to 12 noon. Help to attach poppies for more community poppy banners this week.

Christmas Puddings

In light of managing capacity and time, the Knitters and Quilters have decided to pause the Christmas Pudding production this year. We know you are disappointed, but there will be more to look forward to next year. Thank you for your support.

Feast of All Souls

If you have loved ones who have died in the past 12 months and the funeral arrangements were not with St. John's, but you would like them included in the prayers of remembrance on Sunday November 5, please let us know their names and date of death on the sheet at the back of the church. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Memorial Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards memorial flowers for All Souls on November 5, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-846-5911.

Diocesan Campaign

Our diocese is conducting a feasibility study to gauge support for a possible \$20 million parish-focused capital campaign.

Four town hall meetings will offer an opportunity to learn about the campaign, ask questions, and complete a survey. Bishop Susan Bell will speak about her vision and how the study will help advance God's mission in our diocese. We are invited to attend the Town Hall Meeting:

- **Wednesday, November 22**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
St. George's, 99 Woolwich Street, Guelph

An online survey, along with a fact sheet detailing the potential campaign priorities, will be available soon at niagaraanglican.ca/survey. If you have already given your name to participate in an interview, you will receive some information in the mail in the coming weeks.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church)

Events This Week at St. John's

Today 12:15 Walkabout re Open Doors Project (meet at chancel steps)

Monday

6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)

7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Saturday

10:30 Poppy Installation

2:30 Kestrel String Quartet Concert

Sunday October 29 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

4:00 Order of Niagara Service (Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton)