



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Efora, Ontario

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Mattins

October 23, 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 Schaffe in mir, Gott ein rein Herz

Johannes Brahms

Processional Hymn 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

Warrington

*1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there thy behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.*

*3. Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.*

*2. For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where thy come,
and going, take thee to their home.*

*4. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!*

"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 Joel 2.23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Psalm 65

(Congregation remain seated)

Praise is due to thee, O God, in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins. Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receives, that he may dwell in thy courts. We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation, thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea; Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power; Who stilleth the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid at thy tokens, thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: thou makest it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their grain, for so thou providest for the earth. Thou waterest her furrows, smoothing the ridges thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blesses the increase of it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip; and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks:
the valleys also stand so thick with grain that they laugh and sing.

Lesson II Luke 18.9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Canticle Jubilate Deo in Bflat

Charles Villiers Stanford

*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

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee: Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

*Lord, for they tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart,
Before thee now and evermore. Amen.*

Offertory Hymn 624 O Thou Who Camest from Above

Hereford

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

*1. O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.*

*3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.*

*2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.*

*4. Read for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal
and make the sacrifice complete.*

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 451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

Hermon

*1. King of love, O Christ, we crown you
Lord of thought and Lord of will,
each demand of your high challenge dedicated
to fulfil;
we with you by grace co-workers,
till where human foot has trod, peoples, kings,
dominions, races, own the empire of our God.*

*2. King of life; you have created wheat in
golden harvest spread:
make your servants strong to serve you by the
gift of daily bread.
Feed us with your body broken, with your blood
outpoured sustain,
that our souls divinely strengthened may the
life eternal gain.*

*3. King of mercy, you have saved us from the
haunting sense of loss,
nailing in your vast compassion sin's
indictment to the cross.
Those who love, by your sore anguish, from
the past you cleanse and free,
breathing words of absolution,
throned and reigning from the tree.*

*4. King triumphant, King victorious take your
throne our hearts within,
lest the might of fierce temptation snare us
into deadly sin.
By the Spirit's rich anointing,
grant us strength life's race to run,
till the power of sin be vanquished,
till the prize of God be won.*

Postlude

Flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Canon Gerald Shantz.

Choir Janelle Santi, Audrey Coates, Kate Wright, Rebecca McKay, Marlys Neufeldt, Christina Stelmacovich, Autumn Debassige, Emily Burnett, Caroline Schmidt, Lanny Fleming, Jerome Chang, Tan Vu, Jeffrey Smith, Alan Macdonald, Richard Hrytzak, Luke MacLean

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Announcements

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

Book Group

The second section of Brian McLaren's book, "Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, The Disappointed, and the Disillusioned," will be discussed on Saturday, October 29, 10-11am in the Parish Centre. If you prefer to participate remotely, a Zoom link is provided in the Pastoral Letter.

Calls to Action Reading Group

You are invited to gather on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. on Zoom to read through and reflect on the 94 Calls to Action. The Zoom link was provided in the Pastoral Letter. This week we look at "Language and Culture."

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.

All Souls

We will celebrate the Feast of All Souls on Sunday November 6. If you have loved ones who have died in the past year whose funeral arrangements were not with St. John's, please leave their name on the sheet at the back of the church or call us. The names of all who have died in the past year will be included in the prayers at this service.

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

This afternoon we begin the installations at St. John's. The poppies will be on display until November 14, with the church open on weekends for tours between 11am to 3pm. There will be more poppy displays at sites and locations throughout Elora and Fergus.

Hosts

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 and is a wonderful way to meet new people.

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

Christmas Puddings

Traditional Christmas puddings are for sale today after church. \$20 for regular and \$10 for small. Gluten free option is available. Please pay when you place your order.

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

Today	1:30	Poppy Installations Begin
Monday	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	10:00	Community Lunch Prep
	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)
	7:30	Parish Choir
Saturday	10:00	Book Group (Parish Centre)
Sunday	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9:00	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	11:00	Holy Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir
	4:00	Evensong - Commemorating the life of the Queen