

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.

The first Advent Candle of HOPE is lit during the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn 98 Hark the Glad Sound

Richmond

*1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.*

*3. Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.*

*2. Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.*

*4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.*

"Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." - Luke 21.28

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 Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be

raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122

(Congregation remain seated)

I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go unto the house of the Lord.'

Behold, our feet now stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself;

Whiter the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there were set the thrones for judgement, even the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Lesson II Matthew 14.13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Canticle Benedictus

Charles Wood

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.

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

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

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 How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

John Stainer

*How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.*

Homily Henry Reinders, Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Offertory Hymn 112 Behold! The Mountain of the Lord (vv 1,3,4,6) Bishopsthorpe

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

*1. Behold! The mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.*

*4. No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares all shall beat their swords,
to pruning hooks their spears.*

*3. Among the nations he shall judge,
with judgements true shall guide;
his sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.*

*6. Come then, O come from every land
to worship at God's shrine;
and, walking in the radiant light,
with holy beauties shine.*

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 93 Ye Servants of the Lord

Narenza

*1. You servants of the Lord,
each in your calling wait,
observant of his heavenly Word,
and watchful at his gate.*

*3. Watch; 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.*

*2. Let all your lamps be right,
and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand, as in his sight,
for awesome is his name.*

*4. How happy shall we be
if in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see
and be with honour crowned!*

*5. Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.*

Postlude Chorale Prelude on Sleepers Wake

J S Bach

You are invited to the Parish Centre for an opportunity to meet one another over a cup of coffee or tea and meet our guest, Henry Reinders.

Flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Donald M'Timkulu, the gift of his wife, Doris

Quartet	Lesley Bouza, Caroline Schmidt, Jerome Chang, Alan Macdonald
Greeters	Pam Gradwell, Jeff Ostic
Readers	Pam Gradwell, Bob Cooper
Technician	Gerry Hill

Announcements

PWRDF Sunday TODAY

Welcome to Henry Reinders, our guest speaker at 9am and 11am services. Henry is the Ontario representative for the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), a partner with the Primates World Relief and Development Fund. There will be an opportunity to meet Henry in the Parish Centre after both liturgies.

Advent Lessons and Carols TODAY at 4pm and 7pm

Church Calendars for 2023

New church calendars are available while supplies last in two different designs (following two different lectionaries) at the back of the church or in the Parish Centre.

Special Vestry

The Wardens have called a Special Vestry to gather on **Sunday December 4, 1:30pm on Zoom** to authorize them to retain SRM Architects to help us carry the Open Doors priority of [our Vision](#) to the next steps.

In June 2021 Vestry affirmed that we are being called to create a new accessible multi-purpose reception hall space that would connect the church to the Parish Centre. Concept drawings were presented to Parish Council in June 2022 and at the Parish Retreat in October 2022.

To move the project from a concept into the next phase, the Wardens will present a motion to retain SRM Architects to develop the design and seek land use approvals. This phase of the project would include preparing drawings, identifying costs, and beginning a process to seek approvals from various regulatory bodies, including but not limited to the Diocese, the municipality, the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, and the Heritage Committee.

This is the first phase in a long process and requires architectural drawings to be prepared. All of this is done in consultation with the diocesan Building Advisory Group, Finance Advisory Group and the Bishop. Once this phase is underway, the Wardens are required to call another Vestry to present the overall design, cost details and funding proposals.

Images of the concept drawings are on display at the back of the church.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Wardens: Peter Barr, Pam Gradwell, Jane Houlding or Jeff Ostic.

I invite you to offer your prayers for our ministry and I encourage you to attend this meeting to learn more of how this significant part of our vision is unfolding as we continue to discern God's call for us at St. John's. Thank you for your participation.

If you cannot access Zoom and would like to participate, please let me or Thomas Littlewood know.

To send regrets to the Special Vestry, [please notify Thomas Littlewood](#).

You are eligible to vote if you are over 16 years of age, baptized in a Christian church, regularly engaging in worship and supporting the ministry at St. John's for the past 6 months, and not a member of another Vestry.

Calls to Action Reading Group

Tuesdays at 7:30 [on Zoom](#).

Read through the Calls to Action and reflect and learn together about reconciliation in Canada.

Christmas Puddings

We still have some Christmas puddings available for sale. Gluten free options available.

[Contact Pam Gradwell](#) for more information.

This Week at St. John's

TODAY	4:00	Advent Lessons and Carols
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Monday	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	5:30	Volunteer Choir
	7:30	Calls to Action Reading Group on Zoom
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Parish Choir
Friday	7:30	Barrel Boys Bluegrass Christmas Concert (family fun concert for all, Tickets \$25 at door; \$10 for children)

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir
11:00	Choral Communion with Parish Choir
1:30	SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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