



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Sunday, July 16, 2023
11am*

*Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
with The Elora Singers*

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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 Arabesque, Lied and Berceuse, from Pièces en style libre, op.31 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Introit: And the Swallow Caroline Shaw

Processional Hymn 419 Let all Creation Bless the Lord Mit Freuden Zart

*1. Let all creation bless the Lord,
till heaven with praise is ringing.*

*Sun, moon, and stars peal out a chord,
stir up the angels' singing.*

*Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
Make music, day, night, cold, and heat:
exalt the God who made you.*

*2. All living things upon this earth,
green fertile hills and mountains,
sing to the God who gave you birth;
be joyful, springs and fountains.*

*Lithe waterlife, bright airborne birds,
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:
exalt the God who made you.*

*3. O men and women everywhere,
lift up a hymn of glory;
all you who know God's steadfast care,
tell out salvation's story.
No tongue be silent;
sing your part, you humble souls and meek of heart;
exalt the God who made you.*

"O sing to the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things."

- Psalm 98.1

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 by the choir.

O LORD, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(please stand)

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.

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's Name be praised.

Canticle Te Deum Collegium Regale

Howells

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory,

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee.

The Father, of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son.

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

*When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up forever.

Day by day, we magnify thee;

And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

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.

Lesson 1 Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 65.1-15

(Congregation remain seated)

Praise is due to thee, O God, in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou hast 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 choosest 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 in praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: thou makes it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their grain, for so thou providest for the earth.

Henry Smart

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 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Jubilate Deo Collegium Regale

Howells

*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.

Responses are sung.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit for prayer)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And evermore mightily defend us.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Day

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Christ Hath a Garden

Healy Willan

Christ hath a garden walled around
A paradise of fruitful ground
Chosen by love and fenced with grace
From out of the world's wide wildness.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air;
Stir up, O South, the winds that bloom
Till the beloved Master come.

Like trees of spice His servants stand,
There planted by His mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

That He may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that He hath set;
That He may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.

Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker, Rector of St. John's Elora

Offertory Hymn Summer Suns are Glowing

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

1. Summer suns are glowing

*Over land and sea,
Happy light is flowing,
Bountiful and free.
Everything rejoices
In the mellow rays,
All earth's thousand voices
Swell the psalm of praise.*

3. Lord, upon our blindness

*Thy pure radiance pour;
For thy loving kindness
Make us love thee more.
And when clouds are drifting
Dark across our sky,
Then, the veil uplifting,
Father, be thou nigh.*

2. God's free mercy streameth

*Over all the world,
And his banner gleameth,
Everywhere unfurled.
Broad and deep and glorious
As the heaven above,
Shines in might victorious
His eternal love.*

4. We will never doubt thee,

*Though thou veil thy light;
Life is dark without thee;
Death with thee is bright.
Light of Light! Shine o'er us
On our pilgrim way,
Go thou still before us
To the endless day.*

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 275 O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be

O Quanta Qualia

*1. O what their joy and their glory must be,
those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see:
crowns for the valiant, to weary ones, rest;
God shall be all and in all ever blest.*

*4. There, where no troubles distraction can bring,
we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing,
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise
thy blessed people eternally raise.*

*2. What are the monarch, the court, and the throne?
What are the peace and joy that they own?
O that the blest ones, who in it have share,
all that they feel could as fully declare!*

*5. Now in the meantime,
with hearts raised on high,
we for that country must yearn and most sigh,
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,
through our long exile on Babylon's strand.*

*3. Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,
vision of peace, that brings joy evermore;
wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er;
nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.*

*6. Low before God with our praises we fall,
of whom, and in whom,
and through whom are all:
praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
praise to the Spirit, with them ever one.*

Postlude Carillon, from Pièces en style libre

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Flowers are given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for presence of The Elora Singers

Choir	The Elora Singers
Conductor	Mark Vuorinen
Organist	Jonathan Oldengarm
Readers	Catherine Robertson, Marcus Kramer
Greeters	Jane Rapp, Charlotte Logan
Crucifer	Thomas Littlewood

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.

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We are delighted you are here today. 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

Elora Festival

We welcome The Elora Singers under the direction of Artistic Director Mark Vuorinen, guest organist, Jonathan Oldengarm, from Metropolitan United Church, Toronto.

Today is the last day of The Elora Festival. For tickets to concerts, please visit [Elora Festival online](#), pick up a brochure at the back of the church or call 519-846-0331.

Offerings

Please consider supporting the mission and ministry of St. John's Elora. Scan the QR code (below) to donate by credit cards.



An Evening of Baroque Music with the Trinity Bach Project Summer Ensemble.

Sunday August 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Handel's Gloria for soprano and works by Bach and Corelli.

Elisa Citterio, music direction, violin; Michelle Odorico, violin; Felix Deak, violincello; Chris Bagan, organ; Louise Zacharias Friesen, soprano.

Admission by donation. This is an Imago Project in partnership with St. John's Music.

The Song Circle

FRIDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Join us to sing some favourite tunes on Friday mornings at 10:30 in the Parish Centre.

Lyrics provided. No experience necessary. We continue to the end of July and take August off.

Elora Children's Choir

After their debut performance at the end of the season concert with the St. John's Parish Choir last month, the Elora Children's Choir, under the direction of Kate Wright, welcomes children ages 8 and up to come to sing in September. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at music.stjohnselora@gmail.com

New Organ Console

Originally built in 1937, our two manual Casavant organ console has served well for almost 90 years. However, in recent years it has been showing its age, and is becoming increasingly less reliable. Furthermore, as the organ has grown, its resources have exceeded the capacity of a two-manual console.

In the fall of 2022, we were able to acquire a three-manual console. This console began its life in the 1990s, as a Rodgers electronic organ. The entire console was stripped down to its keyboards, and new state-of-the-art pipe organ components have been lovingly installed by Derek Verveer and his crew at Oxford Organs.

This new console, near completion, is expected to be installed beginning on July 26 over a four week period. It will give us greater reliability for the pipe organ part of our instrument, as well as finally allowing us to make full use of the electronic division donated by the estate of David Rogers in 2012. The organ will retain the characteristic sound that we love and enjoy, but with the addition of numerous lower-sounding stops and solo colours to add richness to the ensemble. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Jurgen Petrenko. Jurgen is always happy to talk about the organ!

A Vision for St. John's Elora: Open Doors

St John's is working on a project to connect the church and the Parish Centre (the yellow house next door) to provide accessible washrooms, barrier-free meeting and reception space, and a commercial kitchen to help serve the needs of our growing community. We are in the planning stages currently, and hope to have regulatory approvals by the end of the year. Story boards and information brochures are available at the back of the church. We are excited about the future this project will bring to our community and welcome your feedback and support.

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)

Parking

[Maps](#) indicating streets with designated parking spots are available on the [Centre Wellington website](#) and at the back of the church.

Food Insecurity

Bring non perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank. A Community Lunch is offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Elora Legion.

Events This Week at St. John's

Sunday July 16 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

1:00 The Elora Festival - Music in The Village: Noël Wan on Harp

1:30 The Elora Festival - New Zealand String Quartet

3:00 The Elora Festival - The Gryphon Trio (Gambrel Barn)

7:30 The Elora Festival - Music of the North (Gambrel Barn)

Monday

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

5:00 The Elora Festival: Food Trucks and Barn Dance (Gambrel Barn)

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

4:00 Parish Council on Zoom

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Saturday

11:00 Funeral for Glenda Slater

Sunday July 23 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Communion

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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