



*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Sunday, July 9, 2023  
11am*

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

**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 Sonata in A op. 65 #3**

F. Mendelssohn

**Processional Hymn 357 Let all the World in Every Corner Sing**

Luckington

*1. Let all the world in every corner sing:*

*my God and King!*

*The heavens are not too high,*

*his praise may thither fly;*

*the earth is not too low,*

*his praises there may grow.*

*Let all the world in every corner sing:*

*my God and King!*

*2. Let all the world in every corner sing:*

*my God and King!*

*The church with psalms must shout,*

*no door can keep them out;*

*but above all, the heart*

*must bear the longest part.*

*Let all the world in every corner sing:*

*my God and King!*

*(Be seated)*

**Florence Nightingale Award Presentation**

*"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 Festival Te Deum**

Benjamin Britten

*(remain standing)*

*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 Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67**

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

## **Psalm 148**

T.A. Walmisley

*(Congregation remain seated)*

O praise the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise him, all ye heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created.  
He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.  
Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and vapour, wind and storm, fulfilling his word;  
Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;  
Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and feathered fowls;  
Kings of the earth, and all peoples; princes and all judges of the world;  
Young men and maidens together; old men and children;  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord;  
for his Name only is excellent, and his glory above heaven and earth.  
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him;  
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

## **Lesson II Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## **Jubilate Deo in C**

Benjamin Britten

*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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; 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 O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem**

Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls  
and plenteousness be in thy palaces.  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.

**Homily Rev'd Canon Paul Walker**

**Offertory Hymn 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

Kingsfold

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

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary  
one, lay down thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold I freely give the living water;  
thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
of that life giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am the dark world's light; look unto me,  
thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my  
sun; and in that light of life  
I'll walk till travelling days are done.

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 576 For the Healing of the Nations**

Westminster Abbey

*1. For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.*

*2. Lead us, Father, into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.*

*4. You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.*

**Postlude Prelude and Fugue in D minor, op.37#3**

F. Mendelssohn

Flowers are given to the glory of God  
in memory of George Rich and Dr. William Ellis past chairs of the Festival, the gift of the Festival.

Choir	Elora Singers
Organist	Christopher Dawes
Readers	Sharon Rice, Kirsten Fielding
Greeters	Peter Barr, Wendy Donohue
Crucifer	Ken Reid

*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.*



## **Welcome to St. John's**

We are delighted you are here today. If you wish to learn more about St. John's, or want 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](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

## **Elora Festival**

It is a delight to welcome The Elora Singers to St. John's this morning under the direction of Artistic Director Mark Vuorinen. The Elora Singers will be with us on Thursday July 13 at 5:00 p.m. for Choral Evensong with Guest preacher, The Very Rev'd Dr. Tim Dobbin, Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral and Dean of Niagara; and on Sunday July 16 at 11:00 a.m. for Choral Matins with the Rector as preacher.

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

## **Music in the Village**

[Music in the Village](#) is a free event offered by Elora Singers and other Elora musicians held at the Elora Green Space weather permitting. This is a series of events featuring some wonderful talent and a wide range of programming. Refer to the Elora Festival brochure for program information.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **Summer Newsletter**

There will be an issue of the parish newsletter, "Common Supplications", published mid July. Please send any submissions to Thomas at [parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com) before July 14.

### **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 at the back of the church. When parking in undesignated spots, **do not park** within 1m of a driveway, 3m of a fire hydrant, or 9m of an intersection; or anywhere on or near Victoria Crescent.

### **Food Insecurity**

Presently it is estimated that 4,000 people in Centre Wellington experience food insecurity. You are invited to bring non perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank and participate in the Community Lunch held this Tuesday at the Elora Legion.

### **Offerings**

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



## **Events This Week at St. John's**

*(For concerts with the Elora Festival hosted at Gambrel Barn, Melville United and St. Joseph's Church, please see The Elora Festival brochure)*

### **Sunday July 9 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 1:00 Music in the Village: Lesley Bouza and Jordan Scholl
- 3:00 The Elora Festival: Constantinople: In the Footsteps of Rumi

### **Monday**

- 7:00 Bible Study at Portage

### **Wednesday**

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters
- 10:00 Holy Communion
- 9:00pm The Elora Festival: The Elora Singers at Twilight

### **Thursday**

- 5:00 Choral Evensong with The Elora Singers
- 9:00pm The Elora Festival: Organ Recital with Jonathan Oldengarm

### **Friday**

- 10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)
- 11:30 The Elora Festival - Music in the Village: "Goopy British Deliciousness"
- 1:30 Communion Service at Heritage River

### **Saturday**

- 1:30 The Elora Festival - John Beckwith: A Tribute with The Elora Singers

### **Sunday July 16 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:00 Holy Communion
- 9:00 Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 Choral Matins with The Elora Singers
- 1:00 The Elora Festival - Music in The Village: Noël Wan on Harp
- 1:30 The Elora Festival - New Zealand String Quartet

## St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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