



*Church of St. John the Evangelist
Elora, Ontario*

*Choral Evensong
to celebrate the Eve of the
Feast of St. John the Evangelist*

*May 5, 2022
7:30 pm*

7:30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's.
Welcome to an in-person service at St. John's.
Please keep your physical distance where possible.
Wear a good fitting face mask.
Use the hand sanitizer provided.*

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the land that, at time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony between two rivers.

At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Introit Miserere nostri, Domine

Thomas Tallis/William Byrd

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96.9*

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.

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.**

Versicles and Responses are sung by 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.

(congregation may be seated)

Psalm 145 (sung)

I will magnify thee, My God and king: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy mighty deeds.
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works.
And all shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thy abundant kindness shall be showed; and all shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful, long suffering, and of great kindness.
The Lord is loving unto all: and his mercies are over all his works.
All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
They show the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom might be known unto all.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: and he will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 44.1-8

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, "I am the Lord's," another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, "The Lord's," and adopt the name of Israel. Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Magnificat Dorian Service

Thomas Tallis

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

1 John 1.1-9

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may

have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Nunc Dimittis

Dorian Service

Thomas Tallis

*LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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.*

Hymn 30 God that Madest Earth and Heaven (vv 1,2)

*God, that madest earth and heaven,
darkness and light;
who the day for toil hast given, for rest, the night;
may thine angel guards defend us,
slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
holy dreams and hopes attend us,
this live-long night.*

*Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
and, when we die,
may we in thy mighty keeping all peaceful lie:
when the last dread call shall wake us,
do not thou our God forsake us,
but to reign in glory
take us with thee on high.*

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.

Versicles and Response are sung by Choir.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

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.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen;
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;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of the blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Collect For Aid Against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for the World

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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.**

Hymn 25 **Glory to Thee, My God, This Night** (vv 1,2,3)

*Glory to thee, my God,
this night for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.*

*Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I ere I sleep at peace may be.*

*O may my soul on thee repose,
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
sleep that shall me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.*

The flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur Hornett,
and in thanksgiving for Steve and Laura's wedding anniversary.

Readers: Jeff Ostic, Colleen Murray

Technician: Rod Murray

Notes on Saint John the Evangelist

May 6 is the Feast to honour Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist, a Galilean fisherman who was called with his brother James and followed Jesus to become "a fisher for people."

Stephen Reynolds in "For All the Saints" writes: "John and his brother were so impetuous in their behaviour that Jesus nicknamed them "Boaner'ges" or "Sons of thunder." Nevertheless, with Peter and James, he was one of the three disciples that Jesus chose to have with him on those occasions when he wanted people he could trust. This side of John's character is heightened if he was "the beloved disciple" mentioned in the Fourth Gospel — the disciple who lay closest to Jesus at the Last Supper and into whose care the crucified Lord entrusted his mother. According to the Book of Acts, John later became a pillar of the church at Jerusalem and shared the leadership with Peter." **

The gospel of John can be seen to be structured around the seven great “I am” statements and the seven great “signs” or deeds of power. All of these point to the revelation of Jesus as the incarnate Word of God, full of grace and truth, the light of the world - themes which are introduced in the most familiar prologue, “In the beginning was the Word.” Throughout the gospel there is an ongoing sense of waiting for the greatest “hour” of revelation, the death and resurrection of Jesus, which would become Jesus’ greatest hour of glory - when the revelation of God is made fully known. The evangelist writes that all these signs are given that we might believe that Jesus is the Son of God and therein have life in all its fullness. May this choral Evensong be a sign to point us to this revelation.

** Stephen Reynolds, “For All the Saints: Prayers and Readings for Saints’ Days.” Toronto: ABC Publishing, 1994.

Choral Evensongs

Sunday June 5 - 4:00 p.m.
Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Sunday June 26 - 4:00 p.m.
Feast of Saint John the Baptist

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