



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

*Choral Evensong
to celebrate the
Feast of St. John the Baptist
(transferred from June 24)*

*June 26, 2022
4:00 pm*

4:00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

*Welcome to an in-person liturgy at St. John's Elora
Prayer books are available on the shelf in the transept aisle.
This service is live-streamed from St. John's.*

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 Haldemand 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.

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, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

Sarah MacDonald

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 85.7-13 (sung)

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation.
I will hearken what the Lord God will say: for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart to him.
Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth springeth out of the earth; and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall give what is good; and our land shall yield her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, and shall direct his going in the way.
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 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers; the flower fades, [[when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers; the flower fades,]] but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom and gently lead the mother sheep.

Magnificat Selwyn Service

Stephanie Martin

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 GOSPEL OF LUKE

Luke 1.57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Nunc Dimittis Selwyn Service

Stephanie Martin

*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 14 O Gracious Light

*O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone,
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.*

*Now sunset comes, but light shines forth;
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit:
God who dwells in the eternal light.*

*Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, life giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.*

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.

Sarah MacDonald

*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

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching, and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; 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 (*sung by Cantor*)

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.**

Anthem Ave Verum Corpus

Imant Raminsh

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed.

Be for us a foretaste of Heaven in the trial of death.

O merciful, holy, sweet son of Mary.

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.**

Recessional Hymn 20 Day is Done, but Love Unfailing

*Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever here;
shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, calms every fear.
God, our maker, none forsaking, take our hearts of
love's own making; watch our sleeping, guard our
waking, be always near.*

*Dark descends, but light unending shines through our
night; you are with us, ever lending new strength to
sight. One in love, your truth confessing, one in hope of
heaven's blessing, may we see, in love's possessing,
love's endless light!*

*Eyes will close, but you unsleeping watch by our
side; death may come, in love's safe keeping still
we abide. God of love, all evil quelling, sin forgiving,
fear dispelling, stay with us, our hearts in dwelling,
this eventide.*

The flowers are to the glory of God.

Greeters: Wendy Donohue and Peter Barr

Readers: Laura Robertson, Peter Barr

Technician: Steve Hornett

Singers: Janelle Santi, Audrey Coates, Kate Wright, Rebecca McKay, Christina Stelmacovich, Autumn Debassige, Sarah Pearson, Karis Tees, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Alan Macdonald Luke MacLean, Matt Oxley

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Announcements for Sunday, June 26, 2022

This Week at St. John's

Today	4:00 p.m. Evensong
Monday	7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Community Lunch Preparation
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Knitters and Quilters 10:00 a.m. Communion Service
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday	9:00 a.m. Canada Day Lemonade Outreach
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion at Christ Church Chapel, Drayton 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) with Quartet

Choral Evensong TODAY at 4:00 p.m.

Come to celebrate the last choral service of the season with a full Parish Choir to celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist.

Weekend Hosts

Thank you for your response to be a "host" who will welcome visitors inside St. John's. There is a schedule on a clip board at the back of the church. If you would like to add your name to welcome and engage with visitors and tourists on weekends, you are welcome. We are aiming to have hosts available on weekends, 1-3pm for the month of July as long as the church is not being occupied with a Festival concert.

Canada Day Lemonade Outreach

After a three year hiatus we are once again offering lemonade on the lawn to the many people who gather on Canada Day at the finish line of the soap box car races - just in front of the Parish Centre on Geddes Street.

Sign up on the clip board if you can help out. We are offering this presence of hospitality on Canada Day, 9-11am.

From the Director of Music

Music Advisory Group for 2022-2023

As we explore new ways for our music ministry to live into our mission of open doors and musical outreach, we are excited to begin the formation of St. John's first Music Advisory Group to serve in 2022-2023. The group will include members of the wardens, clergy, music staff, parish choir, and congregation, and will work together with the director of music to provide feedback on musical

selections throughout the year as well as to envision new ways to expand musical participation and engagement at St. John's.

We are currently seeking 2 interested members of the congregation to serve for the upcoming year, with the first meeting to take place in mid-August. If you are interested, please send a brief email to director of music Patrick Murray and copy Canon Paul. As needed, we will work together with those who have expressed interest to determine membership for the upcoming year.

Music at St. John's: Summer 2022

As we approach the summer, the Parish Choir prepares to go on hiatus for July and August. Please join us for our final choral service of the season, **Evensong for the Feast of St. John the Baptist, Sunday June 26 at 4pm**. The music will spotlight Canadian composers Stephanie Martin, Sarah MacDonald, and Imant Raminsh as we look ahead to Canada Day.

Beginning June 26, 11am services through the Labour Day weekend will be sung by quartets and soloists drawn from the Parish Choir. We also welcome The Elora Singers to lead services on July 10, 17, and 24. Thank you for supporting the Parish Choir and music program at St. John's through 2021-2022. See you in the fall!

Elora Singers at St. John's

Here is the schedule of services at St. John's with the Elora Singers:

Sunday July 10, 11:00 a.m.- Choral Matins - Guest Speaker, Michael Freeman, Six Nations and National Equity Representative, Public Service Alliance of Canada.

Thursday July 14, 5:00 p.m. - Evensong - Homilist: Venerable Peter Scott, Archdeacon of Greater Wellington.

Sunday July 17, 11:00 a.m. - Choral Matins - Homilist: Canon Paul Walker

Thursday July 21, 5:00 p.m. - Evensong

Sunday July 24, 11:00 a.m. - Choral Matins - Guest Speaker: Grant Wedge: Assistant Deputy Minister of Indigenous Affairs Ontario.