



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

*Choral Evensong with The Elora Singers*

*July 14, 2022  
5:00 pm*

## 5:00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

*Welcome to a liturgy at St. John's Elora and welcome to The Elora Singers  
Face masks are strongly encouraged to keep one another and our singers healthy.*

*This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's You Tube Channel.*

*There will be an offering plate passed during this liturgy.*

*All undesignated donations will support The Elora Festival.*

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*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.*

Prelude: Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin

(Jehan Alain, 1911-1940)

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.*

Kenneth Leighton

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 72.1-11** (sung)

Give the king thy judgement, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.  
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, and thy poor with justice.  
The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness unto the people.  
He shall keep the simple folk by their right, save the children of the poor,  
and punish the wrong doer  
He shall live as long as the sun, and while the moon endureth, from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass,  
even as the showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall righteousness flourish; yea, and abundance of peace,  
so long as the moon endureth.  
Let his dominion also be from sea to sea, and from the River unto the world's end.  
Let them that dwell in the wilderness kneel before him; and let his enemies lick the dust.  
Let the kings of Tarshish and of the isles give presents,  
and the kings of Arabia and Seba bring gifts.  
Let all kings fall down before him, and all nations do him service.  
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 LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS**

**Romans 12.9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them

something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Magnificat Collegium Regale**

Herbert Howells

*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 MATTHEW**

**Matthew 26.6-13**

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

**Nunc Dimittis Collegium Regale**

Herbert Howells

*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.*

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.*

Kenneth Leighton

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

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake 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.**

**Anthem See Him that Maketh the Seven Stars**

Jonathan Dove

*See him that maketh the seven stars and Orion and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me. Amen.*

**Homily The Venerable Peter Scott, Archdeacon of Greater Wellington**

**Offertory Hymn 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**

Repton

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn.

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*1. Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways. Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.*

*3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity interpreted by love, interpreted by love!*

*2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!*

*4. Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.*

*5. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm.*

Prayers for the World

**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 24 Abide with Me**

*1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.*

*3. I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

## **Postlude Finale from 1ère Symphonie, op 14.**

Louis Vierne, 1870-1937

The flowers are to the glory of God in thanksgiving for The Elora Singers.

Elora Singers Lesley Bouza, Katy Clark, Rebecca Genge, Jennifer Krabbe, Teresa Mahon, Rebecca McKay, Kate Wright, Julia Barber, Kirsten Fielding, Simon Honeyman, Christina Stelmacovich, Jessica Wright, Chris Fisher, Robert Kinar, Nicholas Nicolaidis, William Reid, William Salinas-Crosby, Michael Cressman, Jeff Enns, Paul Grambo, Richard Hrytzak, Alan Macdonald, Jordan Scholl

Guest Preacher: Venerable Peter Scott, Archdeacon of Greater Wellington, Diocese of Niagara

Conductor: Mark Vuorinen

Organist: Jonathan Oldengarm

Greeters: Charlotte Logan, Jane Rapp

Readers: Kirsten Fielding, John Spearn

Technician: Steve Hornett

## **Offerings this Evening**

At Evensong services during The Elora Festival undesignated donations support The Elora Festival. Thank you for your generous support.

## **The Elora Singers at St. John's**

We are delighted to welcome you back to St. John's for this Evensong with The Elora Singers, and our guest homilist this evening, the Venerable Peter Scott, Archdeacon of Greater Wellington, and Rector of St. Mark's in Orangeville.

Here are the liturgies at St. John's when The Elora Singers are in residence.

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

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

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

## Keeping Safe

In an effort to keep one another and our singers healthy, face masks are strongly encouraged to be worn by congregation and audience members attending indoor concerts and services during The Elora Festival. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Parking

Parking enforcement officers have been very diligent this season in Elora. Street parking is permitted in designated spots and in undesignated spots where your vehicle is more than 9m from an intersection and 1m from a driveway. Please avoid the triangle island at Smith Street and Victoria Crescent, and be aware that some streets in the downtown core are identified with a three hour limit.

## News on Events at St. John's Elora

Let us know if you would like to receive a weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector, usually sent out on Saturdays. It includes a brief reflection and news of upcoming events at St John's Elora.

## The Elora Festival

Elora Festival brochures are available at the back of the church. Box office 519-846-0331.

Tonight: 7:00 p.m. The Elora Singers "Baltic Voices" – St. Joseph's, Fergus

9:00 p.m. "Twilight: At Day's Last Glow" with Peter-Anthony Togni, organ and piano, and Jeff Reilly, Bass clarinet – St. John's Elora

The Elora Festival concerts run all this weekend and through to July 24.

## Humanitarian Relief Appeal

You have until tomorrow to make a donation towards the emergency appeal that will be matched by the Canadian government. This is a response to the numbers of people throughout Africa who are on the edge of starvation because of drought, the pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and the war in Ukraine. For more information visit [PWRDF.org](http://PWRDF.org)

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