



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Choral Eucharist

January 15, 2023
11:00 a.m.

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Mass Setting Missa Brevis No. 4

Healey Willan

Introit **These are they which follow the Lamb**

John Goss

Hymn 5 **Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

Ratisbon

*1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Son of Righteousness arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warms my heart.*

*3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW (*congregation can kneel or sit for prayer*)

Celebrant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.**

Kyrie – sung by Choir

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

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 40.1-11 *(plainchant)*

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay,
and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.

Many shall see it and fear, and shall put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord,

and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

O Lord my God, many are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward; and there is none to be compared unto thee.

If I should declare them and speak of them, they should be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but mine ears hast thou opened.

Burnt offer and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required; then said I, 'Lo, I come;

In the volume of the book it is written of me; I delight to fulfil thy will, O my God;
yea, thy law is within my heart.'

I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation;

lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

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.

(please stand)

GOSPEL: John 1.29-42

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit

The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of the gospel of John beginning at the 29th verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

All: I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM The Lamb

John Tavener

Little Lamb who made thee
 Dost thou know who made thee
 Gave thee life & bid thee feed.
 By the stream & o'er the mead;
 Gave thee clothing of delight,
 Softest clothing woolly bright;
 Gave thee such a tender voice,
 Making all the vales rejoice!
 Little Lamb who made thee
 Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
 Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
 He is called by thy name,
 For he calls himself a Lamb:
 He is meek & he is mild,
 He became a little child:
 I a child & thou a lamb,
 We are called by his name.
 Little Lamb God bless thee.
 Little Lamb God bless thee.

HOMILY Rev'd Judy Steers**Offertory Hymn 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness**

Uttingen

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

*1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
 gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
 bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!*

*3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
 of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
 truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
 these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

*2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
 high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
 comfort thy sorrows and answer thy
 prayerfulness,
 guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*4. These though we bring them in trembling and
 fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is
 dear, morning of joy give for evening of
 tearfulness, trust for our trembling, and hope
 for our fear.*

*5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow
 down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of
 obedience and incense of lowliness
 bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**INTERCESSIONS (You may kneel or sit for prayer)**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with indigenous peoples of Canada. Let us pray for all who need our prayers today, and all who have died in the peace of Christ.

Leader: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity,

and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Linda, our Primate, and Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.....Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant:

ALMIGHTY God,

All:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

Leader:

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you;

All:

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant:

Lift up your hearts;

All:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant:

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All:

It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou has caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy So Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: **And with thy Spirit.**

All: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament as a reminder of your baptism. Please come forward during the singing of the Agnus Dei. If mobility challenges prevent you from coming forward safely, the clergy will bring the sacrament to you. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you are invited to touch the base of the chalice while you hear the words of administration. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.**
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

Oriel

*1. To the name of our salvation,
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation hid in God's fore
knowledge lay,
but with holy exultation we may sing aloud
today.*

*2. Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and
heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.*

*3. 'Tis the name that who so preaches,
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches
finds its comfort ever near;
who is perfect wisdom reaches,
heavenly joy possesses here.*

*4. Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, when e'er assaulted,
we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted,
eyes to blind and feet to lame.*

*5. Therefore we in love adoring,
this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring
so to write it in us here that,
here after heaven-ward soaring,
we may sing with angels there.*

Postlude

Celebrant and Homilist	Rev'd Judy Steers
Choir	Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Autumn Debassige, Emily Burnett, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Lanny Fleming, Jerome Chang, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Rich Hrytzak, Alan Macdonald, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Daniel Cockayne
Readers	Ian Hornsby, Pam Gradwell
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Chalice Bearer	Damaris Martin
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue, Mardy Langford
Technician	Steve Hornett

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.

Welcome to St. John's

It is a delight to welcome you to participate in worship this morning. To subscribe to the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector, with a reflection and news about what is coming up, please send an email to rector.stjohnsleroa@gmail.com

Boxes of Offering Envelopes for 2023

Please pick up your box of Offering Envelopes for 2023 at the back of the church. Even if you use E-Transfer there should be a box there for you. If you do not see your name on a box, and would like a box, please let us know.

Next Sunday — Bach Meditations

Join Patrick Murray and soloists next Sunday afternoon for an exploration and performance of J.S. Bach's Cantata 111: *Was mein Gott will, das g'scheh allzeit* (God's will is best, it shall be done), a cantata for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Sunday, January 22, 3:15pm

Soloists: Rebecca McKay, Christina Stelmacovich, Nicholas Nicolaidis, and Alan Macdonald

Baroque ensemble led by Rona Goldensher

Guest homilist: Rev. Susan Clarke (Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church)

This 45-minute event, the first in a new series at St. John's, will feature an introduction to the work in its musical and scriptural context, followed by a short scripture reading and homily and a performance of the piece.

No tickets required; admission by donation. All are welcome. Come learn about and experience this wonderful music.

"What We Say We Believe"

WHAT: An open informal weekly discussion-study group to explore and talk about Church statements of belief: the three creeds and some other scriptural, historical, and liturgical statements. The conversation is facilitated by Rev'd John Lockyer.

WHEN: **Monday afternoon at 2:00** pm for 60 to 90 minutes

WHERE: The Parish Centre

Vestry Reports

If you were involved in a ministry or activity at St. John's last year, please create a written report of what you accomplished and send it to Thomas Littlewood at parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com. The deadline for Vestry Reports is January 28. Vestry will be held on Sunday February 26.

Pastoral Care

While the Rector is away until January 25, please contact Rev'd John Lockyer for any pastoral emergencies at 519-846-5911.

Extend a warm welcome to Rev'd Judy Steers, Chaplain at St. John's Kilmarnock School and Honorary Assistant at St. John's, as our celebrant and homilist this morning at 11. Rev'd John Lockyer is our celebrant at 9 today.

Compline - Tuesday February 7 at 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome to this meditative choral liturgy to end the day. To participate in the Compline Choir please contact Patrick Murray. The Compline Choir rehearses the music at 6:30.

Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

All are welcome to the service to mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wednesday January 18 at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church in Fergus. Clergy and church leaders from several churches in the Ministerial Association will be participating in the service. All are welcome. The week is always situated between the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter (January 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25). There is will be a service of Holy Communion held at St. John's at 10:00 a.m. on both of those feast days.

This Week at St. John's

Monday 2:00 "What We Say We Believe" (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday 5:30 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

7:30 Calls to Action Reading Group (on Zoom)

Wednesday 9:30 Knitters and Quilters

Feast of Confession

Of St. Peter 10:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St. Andrew's, Fergus

Thursday 9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)

7:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal

Sunday January 22

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Mattins with Parish Choir

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