



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**11 am**  
Choral Eucharist

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

**Mass Setting**    **Missa Brevis**

G.P. da Palestrina

**Hymn 432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult**

St. Oswalds

*1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea, day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

*3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.*

*4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*

*5. Jesus call us! By thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

**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.**

**Introit**    **Almighty and Everlasting God**

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God,  
mercifully look upon our infirmities,  
and in all our dangers and necessities  
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,  
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 - 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

*Celebrant:* Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Lesson Jonah 3.1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## Psalm 62

My soul truly waiteth in silence upon God; for of him cometh my salvation.

He verily is my strength and my salvation; he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

How long will ye set upon a man, battering him, all of you, like a tottering wall, and like a broken fence.

Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt;

their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou in silence upon God; for my hope is in him.

He truly is my strength and my salvation; he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

In God is my health and my glory: the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

O put your trust in him always, ye people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

As for the sons of men, they are but vanity; yea, the sons of men are a deceit;

upon the scales they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity;

if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same, that power belongeth unto God;

And that thou, Lord, art merciful; for thou renderest unto every man according to his work.

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL: Mark 1.14-20**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy Spirit**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the gospel of Mark beginning at the 4<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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 Call**

Gail Randall

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;

Such a Way as gives us breath, Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;

Such a Light as shows a Feast, Such a Feast as mends in length,

Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;

Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

**HOMILY** Canon Paul Walker

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

Repton

*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 and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!*

*4. Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our striving 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.*

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*"Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven."*

**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.**

We offer these prayers from our hearts 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

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.

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 navigating the chancel steps 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.*

**Communion Anthem**



*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 467 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Song 34

*1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue, thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.*

*3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see, and labour on at thy command and offer all my works to thee.*

*2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil, in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.*

*4. Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day;*

*5. for thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.*

## Postlude

Flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sheryl Loeffler, a dear friend.

Coffee, tea and treats are served downstairs in Thompson Hall following the service.

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Readers	Rachel Barreca, Ian Hornsby
Chalice Bearers	Ken Reid, Doris M'Timkulu
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Barb Clarke
Technician	Gerry Hill

*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 Elora

### Learn More

To learn more about St. John's through the Pastoral Letter sent from the Rector every Saturday, send an email to [rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### Concert - TODAY, 3:00 p.m.

"New Year's Follies" featuring our own Lesley Bouza and Alan Macdonald.

Admission by donation at the door (suggested \$30).

### Vestry Reports

Please send your annual Vestry Report to Thomas Littlewood at [parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com) before January 31.

### Vestry Meeting of Mission and Ministry

#### SATURDAY February 24, 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

We gather together for the annual Vestry Meeting on SATURDAY February 24 at 10:30 on Zoom. If you know of someone who does not have access to Zoom, and would like to participate, please let the Rector know.

If you are interested in participating this year at St. John's as a member of Parish Council, Member of Synod, or a Warden, let Jane Houlding or the Rector know.

Parish Council is a great way to learn more about the ministry of St. John's. Council meets with the Rector and Wardens six times a year to review the financial statements and help fulfill the goals of our vision as authorized by the Vestry.

### **Bible Study - Mondays at 2:00 p.m.**

Join Rev'd John Lockyer and others who are exploring themes in the gospel of Mark.

### **Volunteer Choir - Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.**

We rehearse every Tuesday at 5:30 to participate liturgically on Sundays at 9:00 every other week.

Contact Jurgen for more information.

### **Knitters and Quilters - Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.**

Join a group of people who knit, crochet, or simply enjoy being together on Wednesday morning in the Parish Center.

### **Song Circle - Friday at 10:30 a.m.**

Join Stan Litch as he leads an informal time of signing some old tunes on Fridays at 10:30. It's a fun and informal time together of signing and stories. All are welcome.

### **Evensong - Sunday January 28, 4:00 p.m.**

Join the Parish Choir as we offer Evensong for Candlemas.

### **Compline Services**

The choir rehearses at 6:30 on the day of the service. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. and is offered on February 6, March 5, April 9, May 7 and June 4.

### **Concert: The House of Our Pilgrimage - Friday, February 2, 2024, 7:30pm**

Daniel Cabena and Paul Genyk-Berezowsky (member of Parish Choir), voice and instruments with poet Luke Hathaway. Admission by donation at the door.

### **Organ Update**

Much work has been done on the organ in recent weeks, although none of it is audible or visible. Amplifiers, speakers, and a sample computer have been installed and wired in the organ chamber, and all sorts of preparations have been made. We will gradually hear some new sounds very soon. The completion of this long project is finally in sight.

### **Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

#### **Tuesday January 23, 10:30, Aboyne Room, Wellington County Museum**

Come to join in this ecumenical worship service on Tuesday. The theme is "Loving God and loving neighbour."

### **Readers**

If you would like to participate as a reader at the 11am service, please contact [Patricia Reimer](#).

### **2024 Offering Envelopes**

Please pick up your box of Offering Envelopes at the back of the church.

If you would like Offering Envelopes please contact Thomas through the office or by email at

[parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### **World Day of Prayer - Friday March 1**

Hosted at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fergus. The service this year is prepared by the women of Palestine, based on Ephesians 4:1-3—"I beg you...bear with one another in love." Please let Thomas know if you wish to participate.

## 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).

## Events This Week at St. John's

### Today

3:00 Concert: "New Year's Follies" featuring Lesley Bouza and Alan Macdonald.

### Monday

2:00 Bible Study (Parish Centre)

6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

### Tuesday

7:30 TRC Reading and Reflection Group (on Zoom)

### Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

### Thursday

7:00 Parish Choir

### Friday

10:30 Song Circle

### Sunday January 28 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Matins with Quartet

4:00 Evensong for Candlemas

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