



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Choral Eucharist

February 5, 2023
11:00 a.m.

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's

*Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books
are available from the Greeters at the bank of the church*

Mass Setting Communion Service in G

Frederick William Wadely

Processional Hymn 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Breslau

*1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.*

*3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*

*2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.*

*4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.*

*5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

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: O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson 1 Corinthians 2.1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Psalm 112.1-10 *(plainchant)*

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that hath great delight in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the faithful shall be blessed. Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the upright there ariseth up light in the darkness; he is merciful, loving, and righteous. It is well with the man that is merciful and lendeth, and ordereith his affairs with justice. For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; for his heart standeth fast and believeth in the Lord. His heart is established and will not shrink, until he see his desire upon his enemies. He hath dispersed abroad and given to the poor, and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him: he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

(please stand)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5.13-20

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit

The Holy Gospel is written in the 5th chapter of the gospel of Matthew beginning at the 13th verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 Blessed are the Men that Fear Him

Felix Mendelssohn

Blessed are the men who fear Him;

They ever walk in the ways of peace.

Through darkness riseth light to the upright.

He is gracious, compassionate; He is righteous.

Offertory Hymn 594 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour

Rhuddlan

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

*1. Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgement
purge this land of bitter things;
comfort all its wide dominion
with the healing of your wings.*

*2. Weary people still are longing
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clamour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the countryside and woodlands plead
in silence for their peace.*

*3. Crown, O God, your own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with your sword;
cheer the faint and feed the hungry
with the richness of your word.
Cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.*

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.
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

Communion Anthem Holy is the True Light

William Henry Harris

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 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light in accessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.*

*3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth
thee.*

*2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.*

*4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom and
light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

Postlude

Choir	Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Christina Stelmacovich, Thomas Littlewood
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Chalice Bearer	
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Wendy Donohue
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

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.

"What We Say We Believe"

Join in an informal weekly discussion-study group to explore and talk about the Christian statements of belief: the creeds and some other scriptural, historical and liturgical statements. The group meets on Mondays in the Parish Centre in 2pm, but tomorrow the group is taking a week off. So we next meet on Monday, February 13. All are welcome.

94 Calls to Action Reading Group

As a result of guest homilist Michael Freeman's challenge to the Parish last summer, we were invited to begin our reconciliation journey by reading the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. A group led by Guinevere Kern and Reverend Paul has met since October on Tuesday evenings. We have read, researched, discussed and struggled with the 94 actions that were identified in 2015 as a means for seeking reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

We began with the Legacy of Residential Schools and, over the last three months, examined action items 1-42 under Child Welfare, Education, Language and Culture, Health, and Justice. We have assigned ourselves homework, researching which action items have been completed, which are in progress and those, sadly, which have not been started. Each of us have brought our own biases and beliefs to the discussion; yet we've also discovered many things we did not know. When challenged with facts and information we've discovered, we've changed our thinking and wrestled with the many challenges that Reconciliation asks of us. We continue to ask what actions we can take as individuals, as a community, and as a Parish, to take steps along the Reconciliation path.

If you wish to join our journey, you are most welcome to join us on Zoom where on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. Contact the Rector for the Zoom link and the shared notes where the discussion is recorded and additional resources are available.

World Day of Prayer March 3 at 2:00 pm

St John's will be hosting the area service for this global event of prayer. This year the service is prepared by the women of Taiwan and revolves around the theme, "I have heard of your faith" (Ephesians 1:15-19). You are invited to participate with women from other local churches in a **planning meeting on FRIDAY February 10 at 3pm**. Please let us know if you are intending to come on Friday.

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.

Vestry - Sunday February 26 at 1pm

Under the advice of Parish Council we have decided to gather for our annual regular meeting of Vestry on Zoom on February 26 at 1pm. If you do not have access to a computer or feel intimidated by Zoom, please let the Rector know and we can make accommodation to have your input and participation. From our experience, Zoom offers more participation and more effective sharing of information through screen sharing.

VESTRY is an opportunity for us to gather as a community of faith to give thanks for all that was accomplished to the glory of God in 2022, and commit ourselves to new commitments for the coming year.

If you are new to St. John's in the past year, please let the Rector know so he can formally welcome you to this community of faith at Vestry.

If you are interested in participating on Parish Council, or as a member of Synod or a Warden this year, please let the Rector or one of the Wardens know.

Recital - "The Music That Makes Us"

Sunday February 19 at 3pm

This is a not to be missed recital offered by Michael Cressman and Christina Stelmacovich from the Parish Choir. There are no tickets, admission is by donation to support the work of the Parish Choir and our ongoing musical outreach. Invite friends to join you.

This Week at St. John's

Monday	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
	6:30	Compline Choir Rehearsal
	8:00	Service of Compline
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	1:00	A Choral Evensong for the life of Catherine Copp
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	11:00	Communion Service at Heritage River
	3:00	World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting

Sunday February 12

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist
11:00	Choral Matins with Parish Choir

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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