



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

Second Sunday in Lent
Choral Eucharist

March 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 A

Harold Darke

Introit Salvator mundi (from Requiem)

Herbert Howells

Processional Hymn 40 O Spirit of the Living God

Wareham

*1. O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of thy grace,
wherever human foot hath trod,
descend on our rebellious race.*

*3. Be darkness at thy coming light;
confusion, order in thy path;
souls without strength inspire with might;
bid mercy triumph over wrath.*

*2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love
to preach the reconciling word;
give power and unction from above
where'er the joyful sound is heard.*

*4. O Spirit of the Lord,
prepare all the round earth its God to meet;
breathe thou abroad like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.*

*5. Baptize the nations;
far and nigh the triumph of the cross record;
the name of Jesus glorify,
till every kindred call him Lord.*

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.**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Celebrant: Hear the Law of God which was given to Israel in old time. God spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God, Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**
(this response is repeated for the first nine commandments)

Celebrant: Thou shall not covet.....nor any thing that is his.

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all 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.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (said throughout Lent)

Lesson Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Psalm 121 (*plainchant*)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: O whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

(please stand)

GOSPEL:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit

The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of the gospel of John beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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 God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. Amen.

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker**Offertory Hymn 180 Giver of the Perfect Gift**

Song 13

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

1. Giver of the perfect gift,

only hope of human race,

hear the prayer our hearts uplift,

trembling at thy throne of grace.

3. Who can save us, Lord, but thou?

Let thy mercy show thy power.

Lo, we please thy promise now,

now, in this accepted hour.

2. Though the accusing voice within

speaks of many a wrong to thee,

thou canst cleanse from every sin;

thou canst set the conscience free.

4. Oh! May these our Lenten days,

blest by thee, with thee be passed,

that with purer, nobler praise

we may keep thy feast at last.

5. God the holy Trinity

grant the mercy we implore;

God the One, all praise to thee

through the ages evermore.

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 Motet I will lift up mine eyes (from Requiem) (Psalm 121)

Herbert Howells

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 529 God, My Hope on You is Founded

Michael

*1. God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone call my heart to be
your own.*

*3. Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand, love take stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.*

*2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour, is my temple and
my tower.*

*4. God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
new born worlds rise and adore.*

*5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.*

Postlude Music for the Elevation of the Host

Francois Couperin

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, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Daniel Cockayne, Luke MacLean
Readers	Luke MacLean, Nancy Scott
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue and Mardy Langford
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

We are delighted you are here today. If you wish to learn more about St. John's, or want to receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Sunday Hospitality

Coffee and tea is served downstairs in Thompson Hall following the 11am service. Please consider helping with this ministry by signing up one Sunday to prepare the coffee and tea. We are keeping it simple so it doesn't need to be an onerous task.

Vestry

Thank you for your participation in Vestry last Sunday. Sixty-eight people participated and here is what we accomplished: we formally welcomed 11 new people to St. John's, approved a new budget for the year, and elected or appointed leaders as Wardens, synod members and parish council.

COMMITMENTS: This year Vestry approved:

- Hiring a Children and Youth Choir Director in the fall,
- installing a new organ console in August,
- increasing our program in Musical Outreach (recitals, evensong, compline),
- expanding our Administrative support role,
- having the capacity (if offered by the Bishop) to have an Assistant Curate (part time) in the fall,
- improving our camera and audio for the livestream, and for recording purposes,
- developing architectural drawings for the Open Doors project to seek approvals with the diocese, township, Bereavement Authority and Historic Committee.

AN INVITATION TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY: Sixty percent of all of our costs are supported by your generous donations. Vestry approved to raise \$270,000 in revenue from givings to support the General Fund, and \$80,000 in givings to support the Choir Fund. The balance of our operating costs is supported by revenue from the interest in our Endowment Funds and from property use by outside groups.

Wardens: Jeff Ostic, Pam Gradwell, Jane Houlding, Jon Warland.

Parish Council: Dawn McClure, Ian Hornsby, Bob Cooper, Chris Rynberk, Wendy Boose, Jane Anne Murray, and Peter Barr.

Synod Members: Thomas Littlewood, Ian Rice, Colleen Murray (alternate).

Treasurer: Andrew Hirst

Bookkeeper: Susan Hirst

Givings Secretary: Steve Hornett and Thomas Littlewood

Columbarium: Pat Ellis

We are excited about this year ahead. You are invited to review your commitment by giving generously to support the Vision of St. John's. Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) forms are available at the back of the church. If you would like a box of Offering Envelopes, please let us know.

Learning in Lent

Join me in some reading over the season of Lent.

"Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining the Future" by Patty Krawec. Patty Krawec is an Anishinabe and Ukrainian writer from Lac Seul First Nation. She is a member of Chippawa Presbyterian Church and lives in Niagara Falls. Krawec claims that in order to heal and move forward, we first need to revisit and acknowledge what came before.

The book is available at Magic Pebble Book Shop or online.

We will meet on Fridays at 3pm beginning on March 10th.

Keep in Touch About Music at St. John's

We are starting a new music mailing list to keep in touch with patrons of our music outreach initiatives, including recitals, Bach Meditations, large choral services, and opportunities to sing at St. John's.

If you would like to join the dedicated music mailing list to receive monthly updates about musical events at St. John's, please send an email to Patrick Murray.

Evensongs at St. John's

The Parish Choir offers Evensong on the last Sunday of the month at 4pm.

March 26, April 30, May 28 (*Thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III followed by Garden Tea*).

A Service of Compline - TUESDAY

This is a reflective choral liturgy that lasts about 30 minutes.

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6.

If you want to sing in the Compline Choir, let Patrick Murray know and join the rehearsal at 6:30 on the day of the service.

Anti-Fraud Awareness Seminar

Wednesday March 8, 1:30 - 2:30 at St. James' Fergus.

This educational seminar, presented by the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, is aimed to help seniors learn the trends in fraud, and how to protect yourself. Please register at st.jameschurch@wightman.ca

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
	6:30	Compline Choir Rehearsal
	8:00	Compline Service
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	10:00	Diocesan Clergy Lenten Day with Dr. Dan Smith, Huron College
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	11:00	Eucharist at Heritage River Residence
	7:30	RECITAL: Rebecca McKay accompanied by Jodie Vander Heide, piano. "Women in Song"

Sunday March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist
11:00	Choral Matins and Great Litany 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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