



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

**Laetare Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
Choral Eucharist

March 19, 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 Collegium Regale**

Herbert Howells

**Introit I Lift Up My Eyes**

*(congregation may be seated)*

Margaret Burk

**Hymn 560 God, Whose Almighty Word**

Moscow

*1. God, whose almighty Word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!*

*3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!*

*2. Saviour, who came to bring  
on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
now for all humankind  
let there be light!*

*4. Gracious and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride:  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light.*

**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:* Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY** (said throughout Lent)

**Lesson Ephesians 5.8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**Psalm 23** (*plainchant*)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall restore my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me; thy rod and they staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me;

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL:**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy Spirit**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel of John beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man

who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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** Nunc dimittis

Pawel Lukaszewski

**HOMILY** Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

### Offertory Hymn 514 Jesus, Joy of our Desiring

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

1. Jesus, joy of our desiring,  
holy wisdom, love most bright;  
drawn by thee our souls aspiring  
soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
with the fire of life impassioned,  
striving still to truth unknown,  
soaring, dying round thy throne.

2. Through the way where hope is guiding,  
hark, what peaceful music rings,  
where the flock, in thee confiding,  
drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;  
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own  
in the love of joys unknown.

## 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    The Lord to me a Shepherd Is**

Patrick Murray

**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 505 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*1. Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*3. Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty  
praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*4. High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

## Postlude Aria from the Suite in D

J S Bach

**You are invited to share conversation over a cup of coffee and tea downstairs in Thompson Hall.**

Choir	Audrey Coates, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Lesley Bouza, Rebecca McKay, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Rachel Barreca, Nathalie Nasr, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Jim Bottoms, Shirley Schonbacher
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue and Susan Hirst
Technician	Rod Murray

*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](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

## Sunday Coffee and Tea after services:

9am - served in the Parish Centre

11am - served downstairs in Thompson Hall

We are signed up to the end of April, but have some spots open in May and June. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Ken Edwards is willing to provide instructions on how to operate things.

### **Learning in Lent - FRIDAY at 3pm**

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.

[Magic Pebble Book Shop](#) in Elora has some copies available, or you can order the book online. Whether you have read the book yet or not, come to join the conversation and learn more about reconciliation. We meet on Fridays at 3pm.

### **Compline**

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

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on 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.

### **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*).

### **Bach Meditations Series**

Join us for the second of this musical outreach series on Sunday, April 16, 3:15pm. Bach Meditations:

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4

Soloists from the Parish Choir and baroque ensemble.

### **Keep in touch about Music at St. John’s**

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 subscribe to the dedicated music mailing list. To receive monthly updates about musical events at St. John’s, please contact Patrick Murray.

### **Celebrating Holy Week and Easter at St. John’s**

Palm Sunday - 8 (Holy Communion), 9 (Holy Eucharist) and 11 (Choral Communion with Parish Choir).

Holy Tuesday - 8pm - Compline.

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm - Holy Communion with Parish Choir. We conclude in darkness and silence as we enter the Holy Triduum.

Good Friday - 11:00 a.m. - Solemn Liturgy and Meditations on the Passion with combined Parish Choir and Volunteer Choir.

Easter Sunday - 8 (Holy Communion), 9 (Holy Eucharist), 11 (Choral Communion with Parish Choir).

### **Patronal Feast and Coronation Lunch**

**Sunday May 7** - mark your calendars now for this historic event, and let the wardens know if you would like to be a part of the planning team.

## **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
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	3:00	Learn in Lent: "Becoming Kin" (Parish Centre)

## **Sunday March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist
11:00	Choral Matins with Quartet
4:00	Evensong 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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