



**Church of St. John the Evangelist**

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

**Palm Sunday**  
Choral Eucharist

April 2, 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 back of the church*

**Setting Communion Service in F**

Herbert Sumsion

**Introit Hosanna to the Son of David**

Thomas Weelkes

**Hymn 181 All Glory, Laud, and Honour**

St. Theodulph

*1. All glory, laud, and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.  
All glory...*

*Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one.*

*2. The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.  
All glory...*

*4. To thee before thy Passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee now high exalted  
Our melody we raise.  
All glory...*

*5. Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.  
All glory...*

## **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 and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Lesson Philippians 2.5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Psalm 31.9-16** (*plainchant*)

Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; but hast set my feet in a broad place.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble,

and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

For my life is waxen old with sorrow, and my years with mourning.

My strength faileth me because of my adversity, and my bones are consumed.

I am become a reproach because of all mine enemies, and especially unto my neighbours.

And they of mine acquaintance are afraid of me; and they that see me in the street flee from me.

I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind; I am become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear is on every side;

while they conspire together against me, and plot to take away my life.

*(please stand)*

### **GOSPEL:**

The Lord be with you.

### **And with thy Spirit**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the gospel of Matthew beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

### **Glory be to thee O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will

find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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 Os justi**

Anton Bruckner

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.  
The law of his God is in his heart: and his feet do not falter.

**HOMILY Rev'd John Lockyer**

**Offertory Hymn 182 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

Winchester New

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

*1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!*

*3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!*

*Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;*

*The angel squadrons of the sky*

*O Saviour meek, pursue thy road*

*look down with sad and wondering eyes*

*With palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp, ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
expects his own anointed Son.*

*5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp, ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

## **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. For the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and Man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross for us sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

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 Ave verum corpus**

William Byrd

**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 of the Palms**

### **Blessing**

#### **Hymn 198 O Sacred Head, Surrounded**

Passion Chorale

*1. O sacred head, surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn;  
O royal head so wounded,  
reviled, and put to scorn,  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays,  
yet angel hosts adore you  
and tremble as they gaze.*

*3. Your sinless soul's oppression  
was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but yours the deadly pain:  
I bow my head, my Saviour,  
for I deserve your place;  
O grant to me your favour,  
and heal me by your grace.*

*2. Your youthfulness and vigour are spent,  
your strength is gone and in your tortured  
figure I see death drawing on:  
what agony of dying, what love, to sinners free!  
My lord, all grace supplying,  
O turn your face on me!*

*4. What language shall I borrow to thank you,  
dearest friend, for this your dying sorrow, your  
mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours forever,  
your servant let me be, and may I never,  
never betray your love for me.*

**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, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Ted and Lisa Arnott
Chalice Bearer	Ken Reid
Altar Guild	Barb Watkins, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Dawn McClure
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)

### **Easter Flowers**

To donate towards memorial flowers at Easter, please contact Elaine Dightam with the names before April 3. You can make a donation through your regular means of donating, marking "Flowers" on the envelope.

### **Sunday Coffee and Tea**

After 9am service - served in the Parish Centre.

After 11am service - served downstairs in Thompson Hall.

See the sign up sheet at the back of the church, or email Thomas Littlewood to indicate a date you can participate. Ken Edwards is willing to provide instructions about how to operate things and a "Helpful Hints" sheet is available in the kitchen.

### **The Song Circle**

Come join some enthusiastic singers at a drop-in gathering on Friday mornings. No experience necessary. Just some old favourite tunes to share. Meet in the Parish Centre each Friday morning at 10:30. Lyrics provided. Requests encouraged. Starting Friday April 14th. See you there. Contact Stan Litch for more information at [ukestan6116@gmail.com](mailto:ukestan6116@gmail.com) or 519 843 5915. Guest artist(s) possible?

## **PWRDF Appeal**

Ukrainian people shiver in the cold and listen for the next air strike. People in Turkey and Syria search for family members and neighbours in the rubble left by the earthquakes, and are glad if they can find a tent for a night's rest. The northeastern part of Kenya suffers from an unprecedented fifth consecutive rainfall failure and warmer than usual temperatures, making 5.5 million people dependent on humanitarian assistance. Cyclone Freddy has inundated Malawi and Mozambique for three days, creating raging rivers and monstrous seas of mud.

Does it sometimes seem too much to cope as an "innocent bystander"? Is it tempting to become emotionally numb? Whether we like it or not, as Christians and in Christ we are bound up with every person, and none more so than the outcast, the desperate, the cold and hungry.

Thank God for PWRDF who, on our behalf, stretches out supporting hands in all such situations. As we receive God's gifts with such an abundance, let us make a generous gift of thanksgiving this Passion and Eastertide. You can make out your cheque or e-transfer to St. John's, earmarking it to PWRDF General or to any specific area of PWRDF's work.

## **Compline**

TUESDAY April 4, 8:00 p.m.

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.

## **Bach Meditations Series**

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 receive monthly updates about musical events at St. John's, please contact Patrick Murray.

## **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	10:30	Renewal of Ordination Vows and Blessing of Oils (Cathedral)
	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
	6:30	Compline Choir
	8:00	Compline Service
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:30	Holy Communion with Parish Choir
Good Friday	11:00	Solemn Liturgy with Mediations on the Cross (Parish Choir and Volunteer Choir)
Saturday	10:30	Decorating the church for Easter

### **St. John's Four Areas of Ministry**

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

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