



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

April 4, 2021
11:00 am

Easter Sunday

11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

According to Diocesan Guidelines this liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's with no more than ten people on site.

Welcome and Bell Ringing

Mass Setting Piccolomini Mass

Mozart

Introit "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

K. Bissell

(Pre-recorded virtual choir video)

Hymn 153 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (vv 1,2,3)

<i>Jesus Christ is risen today,</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>	<i>But the pains which he endured</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>
<i>Our triumphant holy day,</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>	<i>Our salvation have procured;</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>
<i>Who did once upon the Cross</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>	<i>Now above the sky he's King,</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>
<i>Suffer to redeem our loss.</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>	<i>Where the angels ever sing.</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>

<i>Hymns of praise then let us sing</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>
<i>Unto Christ, our heavenly King,</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>
<i>Who endured the Cross and grave,</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>
<i>Sinners to redeem and save.</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Singers remain standing

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

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 - Singers

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT

Celebrant: Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace, thou dost put into our minds good desires so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one good, world without end. **Amen.**

People: **Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (said responsively by half verse)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:
because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious,
and that his mercy endureth for ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous:
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted:
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me;
but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me,
and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused
is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was at the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL **Mark 16.1-8**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 16th chapter of the gospel according to Mark beginning at the 1st verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: **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.

Easter Anthems (sung)

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast;*

*Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness;
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

1 Corinthians 5.7

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;
death hath no more dominion over him.*

*For in that he died, he died unto sin once:
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,
but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 6.9

*Christ is risen from the dead,
and become the first-fruits of them that slept.*

*For since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

1 Corinthians 15.20

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was I the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

SERMON Canon Paul Walker

Anthem This Joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepares the elements for Communion.

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” (Revelation 5.12)

PRAYERS

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying “Hear us, Lord of glory.”

That the risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That the risen Saviour may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That the risen Saviour may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by God's power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be strengthened. In our prayers this morning we uphold..... and we remember all our loved ones who join the communion of saints in light....

let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That the risen Saviour may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon all God's people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Accept these prayers, 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

(Singers stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Singers: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Singers: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Singers: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us 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:

Singers 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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: **And with thy Spirit.**

Singers Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

The Celebrant partakes of the sacrament on behalf of the entire community.

Prayer during Communion:

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine.

*I love you and I desire our presence afresh in my life.
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine at the altar,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself to you:
Never let me be separated from you. Amen.*

(Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de-Liguori)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Singers remain standing

Celebrant: Let us pray.
OUR Father

All: **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

POSTLUDE Hallelujah Chorus
(pre-recorded audio only)

Handel

**The Easter flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving and grateful memory of:**

John Blair Merryfield, Michael Blair and
Mary Edwards
Dr. William Ellis, David, John and Winifred Ellis
Our parents, sister and son.
John Bryan Dightam
My son Richard
My dear friend Alice Kuhn
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Announcements for April 4, 2021

Copies of Bulletin and Sermon

If you know of someone not connected to a computer who would like the Order of Service and text of the Sermon mailed or delivered to them, please let us know.

Technical Support

If you would like some technical support to access online resources from St. John's, please contact Steve Hornett at geek.stjohnselora@gmail.com or leave a message at the parish office 519-846-5911.

Weekly Pastoral Letter

If you would like to receive copies of the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector, please contact Paul at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com or 519-846-5911.

Seeking New Music Director

We are seeking a new Music Director to lead our Parish Choir and our music program. The details of the job posting are available on the St. John's website. The deadline for applications is June 15.

Building a Vision for St. John's

Many people have participated in visioning workshops over the past month, and we continue to invite your participation on TUESDAY April 13 or THURSDAY April 15, 7:30pm on Zoom as we look to establish a vision for a flourishing ministry at St. John's into the 2030's. The links will be provided in the Pastoral Letter.

If you do not have access to a computer and would like to participate, please call the Parish and leave a message and one of the members of the Vision Team will get back to you.

Our vision will uphold all that is good from our past, embrace all that we are learning in the pandemic, and look to identify significant investments that allow us to build capacity for flourishing ministry in the future.

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care or prayer, please call the Parish Office and leave a voicemail for one of the clergy, or contact them by email.

Speaker Series – April

On Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 pm we will hear Dr. Michel Desjardins presenting "The Role of Food in Understanding Religion". Dr. Desjardins' presentation uses examples from several religions around the world, with examples coming from Asia and the Pacific, South Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Egypt, focusing on current, lived expressions of religion.

Michel Desjardins now lives on Vancouver Island. He is Professor Emeritus of Religion and Culture at Wilfrid Laurier University, where he taught for 24 years. He has studied religion for half a century, and for the last 15 years has been conducting research, with his wife Ellen (nutritionist and human geographer), on the role that food plays in people's religious lives, across traditions, across the world. The zoom link for the talk will be in the weekly Rector's letter, or ask for it by emailing curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com

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