



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

April 9, 2023  
11:00 am

Easter Sunday

## 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*

**Mass Setting    Piccolomini Mass**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Introit    Surrexit Christus hodie**

Samuel Scheidt

**Hymn 203    Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Easter Hymn

*1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the Cross Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

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

*3. But the pains which he endured Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

### **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.**

*(congregation may be seated or kneel)*

### **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** (choir)

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

## **GLORIA**

Merbecke

*(congregation please stand)*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

*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 Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *(plainchant)*

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

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL**      **Matthew 28.1-10**

*Reader:*      The Lord be with you.

**People:**      ***And with thy spirit.***

*Reader:*      The Holy Gospel is written in the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**NICENE CREED**

*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.

**Anthem Surrexit a mortuis**

Charles-Marie Widor

He rose from the dead,  
Christ the Son of God,  
the good shepherd,  
the shepherd who for his flock

laid down his life.  
Christ our Passover has been scarified for us.  
He rose from the dead.  
Alleluia.

**HOMILY** Canon Paul Walker

**Offertory Hymn 239 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now**

St. Albinus

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

*1.Jesus lives! Thy terrors now  
can no more, O death, appal us.  
Jesus lives! By this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!*

*3.Jesus lives! For us he died;  
then, alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!*

*2.Jesus lives! Henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal;  
this shall calm our trembling breath  
when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!*

*4.Jesus lives! Our hearts know well  
nought from us his love shall sever;  
life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!*

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*“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**

*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:* 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:

*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 give 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.

**Choir:** Agnus Dei

### **Administration of Communion**

*All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the signing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it.*

**Communion Motet: Love bade me welcome**

David Hurd



## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*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

**Hymn 216 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem**

St. Fulbert

*1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.*

*3. Devouring depths of hell their prey  
at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where Jesus goes before.*

*2. For Judah's lion bursts his chains,  
crushing the serpent's head,  
and cries aloud through death's domains  
to wake the imprisoned dead.*

*4. Triumphant in his glory now  
to him all power is given;  
to him in one communion  
bow all saints in earth and heaven.*

*5. All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son;  
all glory, Holy Ghost,  
to thee, while endless ages run.*

**POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony V**

C M Widor

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	Bob Cooper, Nancy Scott
Chalice Bearers	Rev'd Judy Steers, Ken Reid, Doris M'Timkulu
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Mardy Langford
Flower Guild	Dawn McClure
Technician	Steve Hornett

*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.*

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

Patricia Anne Griffiths  
 Dr. William Ellis and all family members  
 Our parents, sister and son  
 Their parents, John and Sheila Murray  
 Mary Tanter, Avril Blower, Brenda Randall  
 Ron and Lois Watkins  
 William Doraty  
 The Dunker and Guy families  
 Dave Watkins  
 Loved ones

**the gift of:**

the Griffiths and Kalantari families  
 Patricia Ellis  
 Duncan and Janet Hossack and Pamela Young  
 Jane Anne and Rod Murray  
 Paul Walker  
 their daughters, Linda Coultres and Debora Bruder  
 Maureen and Max McIntyre  
 Jim and Mary Guy  
 his wife Barb, Susan, Tom and MaryAnn  
 John Lockyer

**Welcome to St. John's**

We are delighted you are here today to begin the season of Easter. If you wish to learn more about St. John's, or want to enquire about baptism or confirmation, or 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)

**"What We Say We Believe"**

**Mondays at 1:30.** If you want to learn more about our liturgies, creeds and where some of these texts came from join a group on Monday afternoons for some conversation and learning in the Parish Centre.

## **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.

## **Bach Meditations Series**

Next SUNDAY, April 16, 3:15pm. Bach Meditations: Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4  
This community event features soloists from the Parish Choir and a baroque ensemble. Admission by donation. The event lasts under an hour and includes some background on the music and the text.

## **Compline**

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on 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**

Last Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. April 30 and May 28.

## **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 Festival and Coronation Lunch**

**Sunday May 7** - We are celebrating the Coronation and the Feast of St. John the Evangelist with a special parish lunch hosted outside on the lawn under gazebo tents, weather permitting. Contact Bob Cooper to indicate if you can help with tea, coffee, or contributing sandwiches, cakes or sweets.

## **Godly Play Workshop**

This Friday and Saturday St. John's is hosting a workshop on the Godly Play materials. It is open to anyone in the diocese and is suitable for people wanting to learn more how to tell the stories of the Bible in a captivating and engaging way for all ages using the Godly Play curriculum. Contact Judy Steers for more information.

## **TRC Banner and Paschal Candle**

At the front of the church you will notice a new Paschal Candle which represents the light of the resurrection brought by Christ, the paschal lamb. The candle is lit through the 50 days of Easter and at baptisms and funerals to represent our journey of faith. There is also the TRC Banner featuring orange ribbons stitched together. These ribbons hung on trees around St. John's in 2021 to mark the first national day of reconciliation in Canada. The ribbons stitched together in this beautiful quilt represent the children who died in residential schools and the voices that are not heard in our national legacy with Indigenous peoples. The banner is a reminder of our commitment to learn and listen and the courage it takes to walk into a new light for our future.

## **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 (Parish Centre)
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:30	Song Circle (Parish Centre)
	1:30	Communion Service at Heritage River Residence
	4:00	Godly Play Workshop (Parish Centre)
Saturday	9:00	Godly Play Workshop (Parish Centre)

## **Sunday April 16 - Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00	Holy Communion
9:00	Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir
11:00	Choral Communion with Parish Choir
3:15	Bach Meditations Performance

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

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

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