

# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario Diocese of Niagara

> April 16, 2023 11:00 am

Sunday after Easter

## 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 Missa Brevis

Stephanie Martin

#### Hymn 330 O Praise Ye the Lord

Laudate Dominum

1.0 praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height; rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light; ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

3.O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

2.0 praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth; in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth; praise God who hath brought you all grace from above, praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

4.0 praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant:

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

(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** (quartet)

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 Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for

our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the

same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### Lesson Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

#### Psalm 16 (plainchant)

Preserve me, O God, for in thee have I put my trust.

I have said unto the Lord. "Thou art my God: I have no good apart from thee."

All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, and upon such as excel in virtue.

Bur they that run after another god shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me counsel; my heart also instructeth me in the night-season.

I have set the Lord always before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall dwell in safety.

For why? thou wilt not leave my soul to hell;

neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption. Alleluia.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleasurer for evermore. Alluluia.

#### (please stand)

**GOSPEL** John 20.19-31

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to John

beginning at the 19th verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Peace I leave with you

Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you,

my peace I give unto you:

not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Peace I leave with you.

**HOMILY** Canon Paul Walker

## **Offertory Hymn 372 Praise to the Holiest**An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome

Gerontius

1.Praise to the Holiest in the height, and to the depth be praise, in all his words most wonderful,

most sure in all his ways.

2.0 loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight

and to the rescue came.

3.0 generous love!

That flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail, should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail.

5.who in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,

4.and the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine,

God's presence, and his very self,

should teach his followers, and inspire

to suffer and to die.

and essence all divine:

6. Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise, in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

#### 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)

**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. 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:

Quartet: 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.

**Quartet:** 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.

#### 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 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 The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcelo

Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Reinhardt Kusserow, the gift of his wife Helen; also in loving memory of Joachim Bengtsson, the gift of his father, Goran.

You are invited downstairs to Thompson Hall for some refreshments and conversation with others.

Quartet Audrey Coates, Caroline Schmidt, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen

Readers Chris and Jean Houston
Chalice Bearers Bob Cooper, Jean Houston
Altar Guild Susan Hirst, Mardy Langford

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 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

#### Bach Meditations: TODAY 3:15pm

Join Patrick Murray and musicians this afternoon for an exploration and performance of J.S. Bach's great Easter cantata "Christ lag in Todesbanden" (Christ lay in death's bonds). Featuring soloists Lesley Bouza, Christina Stelmacovich, Nicholas Nicolaidis, and Michael Cressman, baroque ensemble, and a reflection from guest preacher Greg Smith Young (Hope Springs United Church, Elora). 45 minutes; no tickets required.

#### "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. We are presently exploring baptismal rites.

#### 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> or 519 843 5915.

#### 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.

May 28 will be a special service offered in thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III.

## 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.

#### **Food Bank**

With the rising cost of food, it is estimated that one in eight households in our community are experiencing food insecurity. The Centre Wellington Food Bank in Fergus is there to help. There is a hamper in the narthex where you can deposit donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

#### This Week at St. John's

Today	3:00	Bach Meditations Performance
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
Fridav	10:30	Song Circle (Parish Centre)

## Sunday April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter

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9:00	Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir
11:00	Choral Matins 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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