



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

May 2, 2021  
11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Rogation Sunday

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### 11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines of having no more than five people on site. Today we have four people on site.*

**Mass Setting**    **Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena**

Healey Willan

#### **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 - Singer**

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

#### **COLLECT**

**Celebrant:**    O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**Psalm 22.24-30** (said responsively)

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor;  
**he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.**

Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation;  
**my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord shall praise him;  
**may your heart live for ever.**

All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the Lord;  
**and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.**

For the kingdom is the Lord's  
**and he is the Governor among the nations.**

Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down;  
**and before him shall kneel all that go down in the dust, and he that cannot keep his soul alive.**

Their posterity shall serve him;  
**it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.**

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**      **John 15.1-8**

*Reader:*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:*      The Holy Gospel is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

*People:*      **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.

**HOMILY** Rev'd Judy Steers

### **Hymn 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near** (vs 1,2,4)

*O God, unseen yet ever near  
your presence may we feel  
and thus, inspired with holy fear,  
around your table kneel.*

*O living Bread, enduring Vine,  
your words we shall obey,  
nad go, renewed with strength divine,  
rejoicing on our way.*

*Here may your faithful people know  
the blessings of your love,  
the streams that through the desert flow,  
the manna from above.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared 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**

Let us pray together to the Lord, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for all those who love and care for us, for the earth which provides for our needs, for health care workers and those providing essential services, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ....

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our Christian family, for our Bishop, Susan, for our ministry to one another, for all the churches in this community and diocese, and for grace to grow together in your love.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our world, for all of its cares and needs, for those elected or appointed to positions of leadership in our province and nation, and for all who lead us and care for us....

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for those in need, for parents, teachers, and children; for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for all those who need our prayers today.....

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love... and we pray for those who mourn.... that you will give them the consolation of your peace.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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**

*(Singer 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:* 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:

*Singer* 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.**

### **Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

*The following prayer is said by all during this prayer the elements may be elevated, in offering to the people.*

*Celebrant:* We receive you Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.**

**Soloist**        *Pie Jesu*

Gabriel Fauré

### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

*Singers remain standing*

*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**

**POSTLUDE**      **Plein Jeu from Deuxieme Suite**

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