



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

May 16, 2021
11:00 am

Sunday after Ascension
Jerusalem 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 Mgdalena**

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 God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn 627 Jerusalem the Golden (vv 1,3,4)

*1. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.*

*4. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
Who art, with God the Father,
And Spirit, ever blest.*

*3. There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they, who with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.*

Psalm 93 (said responsively)

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel:

the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure,
that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy throne been established:
thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lift up, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice:
the floods lift up their waves.

Mightier than the roar of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mighty.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure:
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

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 Luke 24.44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of the gospel according to Luke

beginning at the 44th verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.
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 Canon Paul Walker

Anthem If With All Your Hearts

Felix Mendelssohn

*"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever truly find me." Thus saith our God.
O that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

"I was glad when they said unto me" Let u go into the house of the Lord" And now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem". Psalm 122.2

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 delivering vaccines, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.... Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for the church, especially the Diocese of Jerusalem, and their new Bishop, Hosam Naoum. We pray for our Bishop, Susan, for our ministry to one another, for all the churches in this community and diocese. Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our world, for all of its cares and needs, and for all who lead us and care for us, for peace in Jerusalem and throughout the middle east Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you 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... 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.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to all his apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepared a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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.

Singer **Agnus Dei**

The celebrant receives the sacrament on behalf of the entire community.

Prayer During Reception:

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, Come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you.

(Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria e' Liguori)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Singer 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 O Clap your Hands
(audio virtual choir)

Vaughan Williams

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Veronica Punnett, the gift of her husband, Gerald.

Reader	Ken Reid
Soloist	Quade Nielsen
Video Technician	Gerry Hill

Announcements for May 16, 2021

Jerusalem Sunday

Since 2013 the Anglican Church of Canada has set the Sunday after the Ascension as Jerusalem Sunday. The Diocese of Jerusalem has thirty parishes across Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria. It has established hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centres and schools in very challenged areas. It provides an international ministry of hospitality to pilgrims through St George's College in Jerusalem, and works with Muslims and Jews to establish peace and reconciliation between Arabs and Palestinians through initiatives like Kids4Peace. This past Thursday the diocese installed Bishop Hosam Naoum as the 15th Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem since the diocese was established in 1841. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Keeping in Touch

If you would like a copy of the Order of Service and text of the Sunday sermon delivered or mailed to you, please let us know.

Seeking a 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 15th.

Pastoral Care

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

Evening Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays 8:00pm

During this time of provincial stay-at-home pandemic restrictions, St John's is hosting Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 8:00 pm on Zoom. The link is found in the Rector's weekly email, or by writing to Rev Judy Steers (curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com). Evening prayer will be a short time of prayer, readings and music, then 30 minutes of Bible study/scripture reflections together.

This weekly zoom liturgy and reflections time is offered as an additional way of keeping us connected and spiritually grounded during the coming weeks.

Givings

If you would like to learn more about how to support the ministry of St John's, monthly Pre-Authorized Givings, or change your monthly amounts please contact our new Givings Secretary, Steve Hornett, at givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com or leave a message at 519-846-5911.

The Wardens want to thank Barbara Gow who, for health reasons, has retired from her role as Givings Secretary. Thank you, Barbara for all that you have given to us over fifteen faithful years. Our deep gratitude, love and prayers go with you.

You can always give securely through E-transfer at treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com

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