



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

August 1, 2021
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Welcome to an in-person liturgy at St. John's.

We all have a responsibility to gather safely.

According to Diocesan Guidelines (July 16) you can help with the following:

While indoors please keep your face mask on and keep a physical distance from people not in your household.

When outdoors you may remove your face mask as long as you can keep a 2m physical distance.

Please socialize outdoors.

There is no congregational singing; and tea, coffee or food will not be served.

The 11am liturgy is live-streamed to the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel.

There is no offertory hymn. You are encouraged to give your donation online electronically or using the "Offering Box" located at the church doors.

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the land that, at time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony between two rivers.

At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

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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 - Quartet

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT

Celebrant: Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Ephesians 4.1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Psalm 51.1-13 (said responsively)

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness;

according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight;
that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and clear when thou dost judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness,
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts,
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones which thou has broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sin,
and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy holy spirit from.

O give me the comfort of thy help again,
and stablish me with a free spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked,
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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 6.24-35**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 6th chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 24th verse.

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

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you

saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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.

Hymn 508 (Common Praise) I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay
down thy head upon my breast."*

*I came to Jesus as I was, so weary worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."*

*I came to Jesus and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light; look unto to my, thy morn shall
rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.*

HOMILY Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

Anthem **O Come Everyone that Thirsteth**

Felix Mendelssohn

*O come, everyone that thirsteth, come to the waters, come unto Him.
O hear, and your soul shall lie forever.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you: for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7.12

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with indigenous people's 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 ELIZABETH our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, particularly Mary, our Governor General, 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.

We offer these prayers from our hearts 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.
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.

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

During Communion:

Please remain in your seat and the sacrament will be brought to you in one kind (bread).

Please keep your face mask on while you hear the words of administration or blessing.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, please fold your arms across your chest.

Once the communion administrator is beyond your 2m physical distance you may remove your face mask to consume the sacrament.

Prayer During Reception: (for people participating online with spiritual communion)

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 **Allegro Maestoso from Sonata 2**

Felix Mendelssohn

***If you have any questions about your registration at a Sunday Service,
please contact Thomas Littlewood
at reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com***

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Rogers, the gift of his family.

*Contact Elaine Dightam if you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones who have died,
or in thanksgiving for an anniversary, birthday or event.
You can contact Elaine at 519-843-5091*

Readers	Elizabeth Connor-Elliott, Laura Robertson
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Quartet	Lesley Bouza, Heather Fleming, Jerome Chang, Luke Maclean
Video Technician	Steve Hornett

Announcements for August 1, 2021

Welcome Back

Welcome back to church “in-person”. Please keep a physical distance from people not in your household. Face masks are required at all time indoors, and when you cannot keep a physical distance of 2m outdoors.

For the purposes of screening and contact tracing it is important that you register each week online, or if you do not have a computer, please call the office before Friday.

If you have any questions about your registration you can contact Thomas Littlewood at reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Poppy Project

You can find patterns to make poppies on the homepage of our website, or on the “Poppy Project” bin on the Henderson Street porch of the Parish Centre.

Please return completed poppies to the Parish Centre before September 30th.

This project will help mark the centennial of the poppy with an outdoor art installation in November of knitted or crocheted poppies cascading from the church tower down to the lawns.

This is a community project approved by the Legion and the National Poppy Coordinator, so please invite friends to participate to help us exceed our goal of 1,500 poppies.

Portage

We are grateful that Portage, which is a residential program for youth living with addiction challenges, has opened up so we can gather in-person for weekly Bible study with the residents. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact Dave Tinker.

Offerings

Here are several ways to support the ministry of St John’s by making a donation:

- Pre-Authorized Giving. Forms are available at the church doors or on the homepage of our website.
- E-Transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com
- Hand delivering an envelope to the Parish Centre (mail slot of the Geddes Street porch); or using the “Offering Box” at the church doors.

Thank you for your commitment to support the ministry and mission of St. John’s.

Holidays

Rev’d Judy is on holiday until August 7th.

Order of Niagara

Congratulations to three people from St. John’s who will be admitted to the Order of Niagara on Sunday September 19th.

Rod and Colleen Murray have served in tandem faithfully on the Technology Team, and they have served on Parish Council. Rod has created the capacity for live-streaming services through Switcher

software and prepares slide assets every week for the online liturgies. Colleen manages our ever creative growing social media presence and has provided leadership on the Vision Team this past year. All of these servant leadership pieces have been critical to help St. John's pivot during the pandemic and provide our services online and accessible to more people. Colleen receives this as a Bishop's personal appointment.

Chris Houston has worked faithfully with the Bishop on the Niagara School for Missional Leadership Team. This school is a result of the diocesan Mission Action Plan which is becoming a key piece for ongoing clergy skill development and lay leadership as we develop a church with equipped leadership for the coming decades. Thank you, Chris, for your work in the School for Missional Leadership. Chris receives this as a Bishop's personal appointment.

We are extraordinarily blessed by the presence of these faithful disciples at St. John's, and pray for their continued leadership and service in our midst.

The service of institution normally would happen at the Cathedral, but with safety as our primary concern, the service will be hosted on Zoom once again this year. It will happen on Sunday September 19, at 4:00pm on Zoom, and the Bishop will personally deliver their medallions and certificates to them at their homes on September 16th. Congratulations Rod, Colleen and Chris.

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care, please contact a member of the clergy directly.

Keeping in Touch

Each week copies of the Order of Service and Sermon Text notes are mailed or hand delivered to a group of people who do not have access to a computer and may not be able to attend in-person services because of health restrictions. If you know of someone who needs to be included on this list please contact Susan Edwards through the office at 519-846-5911.

Weekly Pastoral Letter

To receive the Rector's weekly Pastoral Letter with latest news, updates, Zoom links and reflections, please contact the Rector at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

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