



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

October 3, 2021  
11:00 am

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

*Welcome to an in-person liturgy at St. John's.*

*We all have a responsibility to gather safely.*

*According to Diocesan Guidelines (September 30) 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.*

*Keep your face mask on, 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.*

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*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.*

**Mass Setting    Missa Brevis in F**

Herbert Sumsion

### **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 - Singers**

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

## **COLLECT**

*Celebrant:* Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **A READING FROM THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS BEGINNING AT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VERSE**

Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

## **Psalm 26** (said responsively)

Be thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently:  
**my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.**

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me:  
**try me in heart and mind.**

For thy loving-kindness I sever before mine eyes;  
**and I have walked in thy truth.**

I have not sat with vain persons;  
**neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.**

I hate the congregation of the wicked,  
**and I will not sit among the ungodly.**

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord,  
**and so will I go to thine altar;**

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving,  
**and tell of all thy wondrous works.**

Lord, I love the habitation of thy house,  
**and the place where thine honour dwelleth.**

O take not away my soul with the sinners,  
**nor my life with the bloodthirsty;**

In whose hands is wickedness,  
**and their right hand is full of bribes.**

But as for me, I will walk innocently;  
**O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.**

My foot standeth right:  
**I will praise the Lord in the congregations.**

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 Mark 10.2-16**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Mark beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse.

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another

commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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 555 O God of Bethel

*O God of Bethel,  
by whose hand thy people still are fed,  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
thy multitudes hast led;*

*Our vows, our prayers,  
we now present before thy throne of grace,  
God of our forebears,  
be the God of their succeeding race.*

*Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering foot steps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread and  
raiment fit provide.*

*O spread thy covering wings around  
till all our wanderings cease  
and in the city of our God  
our souls arrive in peace.*

**HOMILY** Rev'd Canon Paul Walker

**Anthem** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

## **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**

*(From the Diocese of Rupert’s Land, 2017)*

*Leader:* 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.

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and the stories of refreshment.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with First Peoples of this land.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

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.

**Hear our prayer.**

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants who have departed this life in they 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.

**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

*(Singers 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.**

**Singers** **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**

*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 Little Prelude and Fugue in F

J B Bach

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

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Kathleen Ellis, wife of Patrick Ellis.*

*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*

Reader	Bob Cooper
Server	Thomas Littlewood
Altar Guild	Mardy Langford
Singers	Audrey Coates, Emily Petrenko, Jerome Chang, Luke MacLean
Video Technician	Steve Hornett
Greeters	Patricia Reimer, David Campbell

## **Announcements for October 3, 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 before Saturday at 9pm, 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](mailto:reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### 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.

## **Blessing of the Animals**

To mark the Feast of St. Francis (tomorrow) we are offering an informal service for the Blessing of the Animals, this afternoon outside at 2:00pm. Bring your own lawn chair, and if you wish your animal for a blessing. All are welcome to attend.

Traditionally this was the time to bless the land and the animals as we prepare for winter, and St. Francis became the patron saint of creation and animals. ***"Let all of creation, bless the Lord!"***

## **Prayers for our Custodian**

We offer our prayers for Patrick Ellis, our custodian, as his wife, Kathleen, died in the peace of Christ on Monday. Patrick is taking some time off.

Thank you for the offers to help Jon Warland coordinate a schedule of people who can cut grass, disinfect surfaces, vacuum, and put out garbage and recycling. We have a wonderful community who steps up to help when needed.

## **Vaccine Policy**

According to the Bishop's policy on vaccines, everyone involved in any part of Sunday's liturgical leadership at St. John's or Christ Church Drayton, or involved in parish governance has received two doses of a COVID vaccine. Thank you for your cooperation with this policy. It helps reduce transmission of the virus and gives confidence to those who attend our services that we are doing everything possible to keep safe.

## **Poppy Project**

Thursday was the deadline for receiving poppies, and so far we have well over 6,600 poppies! There are three shifts on Thursdays and one shift on Sunday afternoon to attach poppies to garden netting. Each shift is for an hour and a half. To participate in this, please contact Barb Dunsmore by email at [gbdunsmore@gmail.com](mailto:gbdunsmore@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church by calling 519-846-5911. Everyone participating is required to show proof of double dose of the vaccine and satisfy the screening questions before entering the building.

We hope to install the poppy exhibit on October 24 until November 14. There will be a special service with an Act of Remembrance on Sunday November 7th.

## **Prayer Shawls**

At the Wednesday morning gathering of the KNITTERS AND QUILTERS at Station Square Park, last week we blessed 13 more Prayer Shawls. These are made with love and blessed to go to people in the community who are suffering from grief, recovering from illness, or going through some distress. Prayer Shawls are a symbol to remind people that they are always in the presence of God and that the prayers of all the communion of saints uphold them. If you know of someone who needs a Prayer Shawl please let Pam Gradwell know.

## **New Guidelines**

The Bishop issued new guidelines on Thursday that allow us to have more singers in the choir, but still no congregational singing. We look forward to introducing those changes next week. There are a few other updates that allow us to have some modest changes about how we conduct our ministry together: particularly for us we can begin planning Christmas puddings! More details to come. The new guidelines are posted at the back of the church for you to take home.

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