



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

October 4, 2020
11:00 am

Holy Communion for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am Holy Communion with Quartet (BCP)

Mass Setting **Canterbury Mass**

Anthony
Piccolo

Notes about your participation in this liturgy:

We ask that you wear face masks throughout the liturgy, refrain from congregational singing, and keep your physical distance.

A public washroom is available in the narthex for your use.

Our purpose is to provide a liturgical experience where you feel safe, develop a connection with others, and gain a sense of being spiritually grounded.

This liturgy is being video recorded live for those who are participating with us online from home.

Please turn off your cell phone so it does not interfere with our live stream broadcast.

All of our guidelines, approved by the diocese, are in place to express our care and commitment to one another.

If you have any questions, please ask one of the Sidespeople.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PRELUDE

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, it 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.**

Quartet: Kyrie

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

COLLECT FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Celebrant: Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

READINGS

Psalm 19

(said responsively by verse)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Gospel

Matthew 21.33-46

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 21st chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 33rd verse.

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

Reader: Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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.

SERMON *The Rev'd Paul Walker, Rector*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Thank you for your generous commitment to support the ongoing ministry of St. John's.

You can continue to give gifts which are offered to the glory of God through E-transfer at

treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com; online at www.niagaraanglican.ca/donate; through the mail slot of the Parish Centre door; or you can place your gift in the Offering Box before you exit the building.

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vow unto the Most High. (Psalm 50:4)

While the gifts for Holy Communion are being prepared on the altar to offer to the glory of God, an Organ Voluntary will be played.

QUARTET *Fairest Lord Jesus*

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our all who proclaim the gospel in this community, our diocese and around the world.

Let us remember before God all of our loved ones who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

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, 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 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, and specially to this congregation here present and all those gathered together with us online, 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 their life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And 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.**

Leader: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People: **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

Quartet stands

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Quartet: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Quartet: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Quartet: 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 all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

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 that 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.

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 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, 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

Please stay in your seat as a member of the clergy will bring the sacrament to you. If you prefer not to receive the sacrament, you are invited to cross your hands over your chest to indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

When the priest offers you the sacrament, please wait until the clergy is beyond your two meter physical distance, remove your face mask, and consume the host (bread).

The sacrament is offered in one kind only.

The Celebrant partakes of the chalice on behalf of the entire community, gathered in person and online.

Anthem (*Quartet*) *Draw us in the Spirit's Tether*

Freidell

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

POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu and Fugue sur la Trompette From Mass for the Convents

Couperin

We ask that you remain in your seats and wait
for a Sidesperson to signal to you that is safe to exit the building.
In order to maintain safe physical distance
it is important to follow the direction of the Sidesperson.
Please exit the building through the south door
on Henderson Street (accessible doors).

Thank you for your participation today.
We hope that you feel safe, connected to others, and spiritually grounded.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Peggy Robertson, mother of Catherine Robertson

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Announcements for October 4, 2020

Harvest Thanksgiving Flowers

To help us celebrate all that we are grateful for, if you would like flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone, please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com 519-843-5091.

Join Us

You are invited to join in the Coffee Hour today at 1:30 on Zoom. Please ask one of the clergy for the link.

Registering to Attend an In-Person Liturgy

Online registration is available on the home page of the website until Friday at 9pm each week. Because of the need to satisfy the screening questions, you need to register each week.

Telephone registration is available by calling the parish office before Wednesday noon each week.

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

Be sure to check your inbox or junk email box for a confirmation email from noreply.datariverhosting.com

Please remember that if you are vulnerable, and therefore susceptible to a virus, because of your age, underlying health condition, or a compromised immune system, you are encouraged to stay home for your sake.

We are providing options for people to keep safe, keep connected to one another, and to keep spiritually grounded.

St. John's Liturgy Online

Today is our second Sunday to video-record the 11am service live to YouTube. We learned some valuable things last week, particularly around audio quality, that we hope we have addressed today. Thank you for your patience as we learn more about the technology of how to keep you connected online.

This Wednesday we provide a mid week liturgy of Evening Prayer available on our YouTube Channel on Wednesday by 8pm.

Book Study - Online in October

Beginning in late October, St John's will be hosting book study small group(s) online on Zoom.

We are excited to introduce the book "Why are We Here? A Meditation on Canada" by Canadian author and activist Mary Jo Leddy. Please let Paul or Judy know by email, or leave a phone message at the church office if you would like to join in. Each group will be limited to 9 people to make conversation easier, and we will have more than one group if there is enough interest. (time and day tba)

After you let us know that you'd like to participate, we will contact you to figure out the best way to get the book to you (mail, pick up, drop off, depending where you are). \$12.00 including tax. \$16.00 if you would like it mailed to you.

Sermons

Each week the full text of Sunday's sermon is available on the homepage of our website under "Current Sunday Service" by Sunday afternoon.

Order of Service

The Sunday 11 am Order of Service is included in the weekly pastoral email each week, and is available on the homepage of our website under "Current Sunday Service".

Looking for Devices

As we provide a video recording of Sunday's services for the online congregation, if you know someone who has recently upgraded their phone, and has a 'retired' iPhone SE, 7 or 8 that they don't need, please let us know. We will gladly accept gifts or loans, and even consider purchases. This will free us from a dependency on using staff and volunteer devices exclusively, and would be helpful to have one or two extra devices for video-recording purposes.

COVID-19 Resource Hub

Guidelines and protocols change. You can follow the most recent guidelines for the Diocese of Niagara at www.niagaraanglican.ca. Look for COVID-19 Resource Hub on the home page.

Season of Creation

Today is the Feast of St. Francis, the thirteenth century Italian monk, whose greatest honour was to be known as *il Poverello*, "the little poor one of Christ." Coming from a wealthy family, after a vision of the resurrected Jesus appeared to him from a painting of the crucifixion over a church altar, he renounced his family wealth to care for the poor and the crippled. In 1208 he heard the commission "Go, make all nations my disciples," and began the task of making Jesus known among ordinary people of Italy. Out of this movement developed the Order of the Lesser Brethren, commonly known as the Franciscans. St. Francis developed a deep commitment to the stewardship of the earth, and a prayer for Christian life is attributed to him, "Lord, make us a channel of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love..."