



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

December 25, 2020  
10:00 am

Christmas Day

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. (Isaiah 9.6)*

## 10:00am Modified Eucharist with Carols with quartet

### **Introit** Past Three O'clock

*Past three a clock,  
And a cold frosty morning,  
Past three a clock;  
Good morrow, masters all!*

*1. Born is a Baby,  
Gentle as may be,  
Son of the eternal  
Father supernal.*

*Past three a clock,  
And a cold frosty morning,  
Past three a clock;  
Good morrow, masters all!*

*2. Seraph quire singeth,  
Angel bell ringeth;  
Hark how they rime it,  
Time it and chime it.*

*3. Mid earth rejoices  
Hearing such voices  
e'rtofore so well  
Carolling Nowell.*

### **Joy to the World**

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy*

*Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let Earth receive her King  
Let fields and flocks  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy*

### **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Kneel as you are able.*

**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** - said

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

## COLLECT

*Celebrant* O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*People:* **Amen.**

## Shepherds in the Field Abiding

*Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Tell us, when the seraph bright  
Greeted you with wondrous tidings  
What you saw and heard that night.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*We beheld it (it is no fable),  
God incarnate, King of bliss,  
Swathed and cradled in a stable,  
And the angel strain was this:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

## FIRST READING Isaiah 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## **Psalm 96.1-9**

*(said responsively by verse)*

O Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
**sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.**

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name;  
**be telling of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his honour among the nations,  
**and his wonders among all peoples.**

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised;  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols;  
**but it is the Lord that made the heavens.**

Honour and majesty are before him:  
**strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples,  
**ascribe unto the Lord glory and power.**

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name;  
**bring presents and come into his courts.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
**let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

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 2.1-20**

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Luke beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the

town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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.**

### **Good Christians All Rejoice**

*Good Christians, all rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;*

*1. now give heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today,  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today;  
Christ is born today.*

*2. now you hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this;  
Christ was born for this.*

**SERMON** Rev'd Judy Steers

### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

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*"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." (Isaiah 7.14)*

*The Quartet will sing a hymn during the Preparation of the Gifts.*

### **HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem**

*O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight*

*For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth*

Forest Green

### **INTERCESSIONS**

*Kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant:*

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.  
**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

We uphold all those in need this night/morning because of illness, trouble, or distress.....

For those who have died..... May they be received into the fullness of thy presence;

For those who mourn; may they be comforted; hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

## **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 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, 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.

*Be seated.*

### **Administration of Communion**

*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.*

### **Of Eternal Love Begotten**

*1 Of eternal love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.*

*3 O that birth for ever blessed,  
when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bare the Saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.*

*2 At his Word the worlds were framed.  
He commanded, it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean,  
in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining,  
of the moon and burning sun,  
evermore and evermore.*

*5 O ye heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions bow before him,  
and extol our God and king;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore.*

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

*Kneel as you are able.*

*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**

### **O Come All Ye Faithful**

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord*

*Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
O come...*

**POSTLUDE This Day of Joy**

J.S. Bach



*The Christmas flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*

*Eric Hilborn*

*the gift of his loving wife, Denise and family*

*My parents, Rita and Arthur Doraty*

*the gift of Maureen McIntyre*

*My parents Joan and Alexander Douglas and my granddaughter Amaya Charlotte Chapman.*

*the gift of Susan Adams*

*Mary and Norman Coultres,*

*the gift of Linda Coultres*

*Ronald Watkins, Ken Coultres*

*Pam Walker and John Walker*

*the gift of Paul Walker*

*Dr. William B. Ellis and family*

*the gift of Patricia, Sarah, Ben and family*

*David Rogers*

*the gift of his family*

*Loved ones*

*the gift of Gwyneth Watkins*

*Stuart and Catherine Sheppard,*

*the gift of Chris and Jeannie Houston*

*Rita Houston*

*Ann Ableson Carotte and Peggy Oxley*

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*May you and your loved ones be given the strength and perseverance to keep safe, connected, and grounded in your faith.*

*May you know the peace of the Christ child during the Christmas season and throughout the new year.*

*Thank you for your commitment to St. John's, and for all who participate to create these liturgies that are provided for you at home.*

*If there is anything further we can do to support you spiritually or pastorally, please contact one of the clergy.*