



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Passiontide

11 am
Choral Eucharist

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

*Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs
are available from the Greeters at the back of the church.*

This liturgy is live-streamed on St. John's Elora You Tube.

Mass Setting O Westron Wynde

Healey Willan

Hymn 607 Come, Let Us to the Lord our God

St. Bernard

*1. Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return.
Our God is gracious,
nor will leave the desolate to mourn.*

*4. Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know him, and rejoice;
his coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs his voice.*

*2. His voice commands the tempest forth
and stills the stormy wave;
and though his arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save.*

*5. As dew upon the tender herb
diffusing fragrance round,
as showers that usher in the spring
and cheer the thirsty ground.*

*3. Long hath the night of sorrow reigned;
the dawn shall bring us light.
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in his sight.*

*6. so shall his presence bless our souls
and shed a joyful light.
That hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

(congregation can kneel or sit for prayer)

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Celebrant: Hear the Law of God which was given to Israel in old time. God spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

The remaining commandments are sung with the same response, concluding with the 10th commandment...

Celebrant: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie - Choir

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

COLLECT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant: We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by the great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and does forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119.9-16

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? Even by ruling himself after thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee; O let me not go astray from thy commandments.
Thy word have I hid within my heart, that I should not sin against thee.
Blessed are thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes.
With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.
I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, as in all manner of riches.
I will meditate upon thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
My delight shall be in thy statutes, and I will not forget thy word.

(please stand)

GOSPEL: John 12.20-33

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit

The Holy Gospel is written in the 12th chapter of the gospel of John beginning at the 20th verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am,

there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of Christ.

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.

ANTHEM Lord Let Me Know Mine End

Maurice Greene

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days,
that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long,
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;

And verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain;
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling;
hold not thy peace at my tears.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength,
before I go hence, and be no more seen.

HOMILY Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 180 Giver of the Perfect Gift

Song 13

(An offering is collected during this hymn. If you would like a receipt for your gift, please use the pew Envelopes. If you prefer, you can send an E-Transfer to support St. John's at treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.)

*1. Giver of the perfect gift,
only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
trembling at thy throne of grace.*

*3. Who can save us, Lord, but thou?
Let thy mercy show thy power.
Lo, we plead thy promise now,
now, in this the accepted hour.*

*2. Though the accusing voice within
speaks of many a wrong to thee,
thou canst cleanse from every sin;
thou canst set the conscience free.*

*4. Oh! May these our Lenten days,
blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise
we may keep thy feast at last.*

*5. God the holy Trinity,
grant the mercy we implore,
God the One, all praise to thee
through the ages evermore.*

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All: **All things come of thee. And of thine own have we given thee.**

INTERCESSIONS *(You may kneel or sit for prayer)*

Celebrant: 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.

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 CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, 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.**

CONFESION 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: **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:

Choir: 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.

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, 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.

Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive the sacrament as a symbol and reminder of God's promise to be with you. Please come forward during the singing of the Agnus Dei. If mobility challenges prevent you from navigating the chancel steps safely, the clergy will bring the sacrament to you. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you are invited to touch the base of the chalice while you hear the words of administration.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your arms together to indicate you would like a blessing.

Communion Motet Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

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

Hymn 602 Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

*3. Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme: let
peace be our passport, peace a living dream.
Refrain.*

*1. Come, Christian people, sing your praises,
shout! If we are silent, even stones cry out.
Refrain.*

*4. Great is the cost of walking on this road, to follow and
suffer with the Son of God. Refrain.*

*2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.
Refrain.*

*5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be, come, take
up this song into eternity. Refrain.*

Postlude O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin

J.S. Bach

Coffee, tea and treats are served downstairs in Thompson Hall following the service.

Choir Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean

Greeters

Readers Jane Anne Murray, Luke MacLean

Chalice Bearers Ken Edwards, Doris M'Timkulu

Altar Guild Meg Prichard, Susan Hirst

Technician Gerry Hill

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.

Events This Week at St. John's

Today

3:00 CONCERT: Bach Sonatas

Monday

2:00 Bible Study (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

Tuesday

9:00 Staff Meeting

11:00 Funeral for Norma McDougall

5:30 Volunteer Choir

7:30 TRC Reading and Reflection Group (Zoom)

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

4:00 Parish Council (Zoom)

7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

2:00 Palm Cross Making (Parish Centre)

3:00 Lent Book Study (Parish Centre)

Saturday

1:00 Flower Arranging Workshop (Parish Centre)

Sunday March 24 - Palm Sunday

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Matins with Parish Choir

Welcome to St. John's Elora

Learn More

To learn more about St. John's through the Pastoral Letter sent from the Rector every Saturday, send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Thinking about Baptism

If you know of someone who is thinking about baptism please let the Rector know. There will be baptism scheduled for Saturday March 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Easter Vigil service and on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

Holy Week at St. John's

Palm Sunday - March 24, 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 (Choral Matins)

Holy Wednesday - March 27, 10:00 - Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday - March 28, 7:30 - Choral Communion

Good Friday - March 29, 11:00 - Solemn Liturgy

Easter Vigil - Saturday March 30, 7:30 - Lighting of the Paschal Candle; Celebration of Baptism and Renewal of Baptism Vows, Choral Communion

Easter Sunday - March 31, 8:00, 9:00, 11:00 (Choral Communion)

Palm Cross Making

Learn how to make palm crosses on Friday at 2:00 in the Parish Centre.

Update on the Organ

Work continues on the organ, with about ten stops still to be installed before a final voicing. Many of you have already commented on the increased richness of the organ's sound, and there are many new colours still to come. This being Lent, I've been holding back a bit, but I can promise some surprises for the Easter weekend.

Flower Arranging Workshop

As Spring is right around the corner, join Dawn McClure and Damaris Martin and other members of the Flower Guild for a flower arranging workshop in the **Parish Centre** on Saturday **March 23** at 1:00. Flowers, vases, and supplies will be provided, and each person will be able to take home their arrangement. RSVP to Dawn at dawnmcclure@gmail.com or through the church office.

Concert - TODAY at 3:00

J.S. Bach: Sonatas for Violin and Harpsichord

Noemy Gagnon-Lafrenais, violin and Christopher Bagan, harpsichord.

Bach's 1st, 4th, and 6th sonatas for violin and harpsichord, masterfully performed by the concertmaster of Montreal's Arion Baroque Orchestra and one of Canada's foremost harpsichord players. Admission by donation at the door.

TRC Reading and Reflection Group - Tuesday at 7:30

If you want to learn more about the 94 Calls to Action you are welcome to join a group of people who are reading through and reflecting on the 94 Calls to Action. We meet on Zoom and the link is provided in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

Bible Study - Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Join Rev'd John Lockyer and others who are exploring themes in the gospel of Mark.

Compline Service - Tuesday April 9

The choir rehearses at 6:30 on the day of the service. Please let Patrick know if you would like to participate as a member of the Compline Choir. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend this reflective and short liturgy to end the day. Compline is offered on Tuesday April 9, May 7 and June 4.

Song Circle - Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Join Stan Litch as he leads an informal time of singing some old tunes on Fridays at 10:30. It's a fun and informal time together of singing and stories. All are welcome.

Lent Book Study - Friday at 3:00 p.m.

"Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life" by Rowan Williams. This week we look at chapter 5, "Faith in Society". There are limited copies of the book available at the church to purchase while supplies last. We meet this **Friday at 3:00** in the Parish Centre.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church).

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