



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

March 31, 2024
11:00 am

Easter Sunday

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's

*Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books
are available from the Greeters at the back of the church*

Mass Setting Coronation Mass

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Processional Hymn 203 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter

Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the Cross Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Easter Anthems

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 may be seated or kneel)

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 (choir)

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

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Celebrant: Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace, thou dost put into our minds good desires so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one good, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

Epistle **Isaiah 25.6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 *(plainchant)*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, and that his mercy endureth for ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous:

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me; but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone in the corner.
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. Alleluia.
This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

(please stand)

GOSPEL Mark 16.1-8

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 16th chapter of the gospel according to Mark beginning at the 1st verse.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

NICENE CREED

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.

Anthem If Ye Then Be Risen with Christ

Charles Villiers Stanford

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,
where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

HOMILY Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 231 That Eastertide with Joy was Bright

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome

*1. That Eastertide with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia...

*2. He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wound abide;
alleluia, alleluia!*

*the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.*

Alleluia, alleluia...

*3. From every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.*

Alleluia, alleluia...

*4. Jesus, the king of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.*

Alleluia, alleluia...

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." (Revelation 5.12)

PRAYERS

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying "Hear us, Lord of glory."

That the risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That the risen Saviour may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That the risen Saviour may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by God's power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be strengthened. In our prayers this morning we uphold..... and we remember all our loved ones who join the communion of saints in light....

let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That the risen Saviour may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon all God's people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Accept these prayers, O Father, 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

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

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 give 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 the 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, 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.

Choir: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the signing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it. If you prefer not to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Motet: Christus resurgens

Jean Richafort

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

Hymn 216 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

St. Fulbert

*1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.*

*3. Devouring depths of hell their prey
at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where Jesus goes before.*

*2. For Judah's lion bursts his chains,
crushing the serpent's head,
and cries aloud through death's domains
to wake the imprisoned dead.*

*4. Triumphant in his glory now
to him all power is given;
to him in one communion
bow all saints in earth and heaven.*

*5. All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son;
all glory, Holy Ghost,
to thee, while endless ages run.*

POSTLUDE Final from Symphony #1

Louis Vierne

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
Readers	Carrie Chong, Michael Chong
Chalice Bearers	Doris M'Timkulu, Damaris Martin
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Barb Watkins
Flower Guild	Dawn McClure, Barb Clarke, Barb Dunsmore, Damaris Martin
Technician	Rod Murray

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.

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

**The Easter flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving and grateful memory of:**

my wife, Patricia Anne
Dr. William Ellis and family members
Richard Knight
John Bryan Dightam
Pam Walker, John Walker, Mary Tanter,
Avril Blower
Ron and Lois Watkins
our dear friend, Chandler Kerwin
the Dunker and Guy families
Eric Hilborn
Jim Pernfuss
Loved ones

the gift of:

Len Griffiths
Patricia and Ben Ellis
his mother, Betty and family
his wife, Elaine and Louise and Fiona
Paul Walker

their daughters, Linda Coultes and Debora Bruder
Maureen and Max McIntyre
Jim and Mary Guy
his wife, Denise
his wife, Louise
John Lockyer

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

2:00 Bible Study (Parish Centre)
6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)
7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

Tuesday

9:00 Staff Meeting
5:30 Volunteer Choir
7:30 TRC Reading Group (Zoom)

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters
10:00 Holy Communion
12:00 Ministerial (Thompson Hall)
6:00 Men's Dinner (Thompson Hall)

Thursday

11:00 Service at Wellington Terrace
3:00 Corporation (Zoom)
7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)
3:00 Book Study (Parish Centre)

Sunday April 7 - Second Sunday of EASTER

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
9:00 Holy Eucharist
11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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