



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

Octave Day of Christmas - The Naming of Jesus
Choral Eucharist

January 1, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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Mass Setting Missa Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan

Hymn 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten (vv 1,2,3)

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 and have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

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

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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW (*congregation can kneel or sit for prayer*)

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 – sung by Cantor

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 FOR THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Celebrant: Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE NEW YEAR

Celebrant: O Immortal Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

(please stand)

Psalm 8 *(said responsively by half verse)*

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world,
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies,
that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers;
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou has made him but little lower than the angels,
and dost crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen;
yea, and the beasts of the field;

The birds of the air, and the fishes of the sea;
and whatsoever moveth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor,
how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

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.

(please stand)

GOSPEL: Luke 2.15-21

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit

The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of the gospel of Luke beginning at the 15th verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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 **How Beautiful are the Feet**

G.F. Handel

HOMILY Rev'd John Lockyer

Offertory Hymn 137 What Child is This

*1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds
guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring
him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

*2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and
ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear:
for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is ...*

*3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is...*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*"God has spoken to us of old by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son."
– Hebrews 1.1-2*

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.

Grant this, 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou has caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy So Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Cantor: 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.

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.

Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament as a reminder of your baptism. Please come forward during the singing of the Agnus Dei. If mobility challenges prevent you from coming forward 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 welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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 143 Angels from the Realm of Glory

*1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creations' story, now proclaim
Messiah's birth: come and worship, come and
worship, worship Christ, the new born king.*

*2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship...*

*3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship...*

*4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship...*

*5. Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship...*

Postlude

Readers	Bob Cooper
Soloist	Kate Wright
Server	Fred Thompson
Chalice Bearer	Bob Cooper
Altar Guild	Pam Gradwell

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

<i>Eric Hilborn</i>	<i>the gift of his loving wife, Denise and family</i>
<i>My parents, Rita and Arthur Doraty</i>	<i>the gift of Max and Maureen McIntyre</i>
<i>Ken Coultres</i>	<i>the gift of his wife, Linda Coultres</i>
<i>Pam Walker and John Walker</i>	<i>the gift of Paul Walker</i>
<i>Dr. William B. Ellis and deceased family members</i>	<i>the gift of Patricia Ellis</i>
<i>David Rogers</i>	<i>the gift of his family</i>
<i>Loved ones</i>	<i>the gift of Gwyneth Watkins</i>
<i>Stuart and Catherine Sheppard,</i>	<i>the gift of Chris and Jeannie Houston</i>
<i>Rita Houston</i>	
<i>Ann Ableson Carotte and Peggy Oxley</i>	<i>the gift of Marion Oxley</i>
<i>David Watkins</i>	<i>the gift of his wife Barb and his family Susan, Tom and MaryAnn.</i>
<i>Dr. Peter William Davidson and</i>	<i>the gift of Carrie and Michael Chong</i>
<i>Dr. Paul W N Chong</i>	
<i>My parents, Joan and Alexandra Douglas and granddaughter Amaya Chapman</i>	<i>the gift of Susan Adams</i>

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.

Welcome to St. John's Elora

We are delighted that you are joining us at St. John's to celebrate the New Year. Join us on Sundays at 8, 9 and 11am for worship. The Knitters and Quilters typically meet on Wednesdays mornings in the Parish Centre. There is also a Wednesday morning celebration of the Communion at 10:00am Beginning February 7 a service of Compline is offered on Tuesdays of the first full week of each month at 8pm. Anyone is invited to join the Compline Choir which rehearses at 6:30. There is a service of choral Evensong on the last Sunday of the month at 4pm. Look out for some new musical outreach opportunities in the new year featuring some recitals offered by members of the Parish Choir and a Bach Cantata series.

To participate in some aspect of life at St. John's, please let us know.

Boxes of Offering Envelopes for 2023

Boxes of Offering Envelopes have arrived and are available for pick up at the back of the church. Thank you for your commitment to support the work of St. John's Elora. You can support St. John's using Offering Envelopes, monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (forms are available at the back of the church and on the website), or through E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com.

Pastoral Letter

To receive the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector with a reflection and news of events at St. John's please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Thank You

Extend your thanks to Rev'd John Lockyer, Jurgen Petrenko and Kate Wright who are providing liturgical leadership this morning as the Rector, Patrick Murray and the Parish Choir are on holiday today.

This Week at St. John's

Monday	7:00	Bible Study at Portage
Tuesday	5:30	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30	Knitters and Quilters
	10:00	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00	Yoga (Parish Centre)
	11:00	Communion at Wellington Terrace
	7:00	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Sunday – Feast of Epiphany		
	8:00	Holy Communion
	9:00	Holy Eucharist
	11:00	Choral Matins with Parish Choir

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