



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

January 31, 2021
11:00 am

Eve of the Presentation of the Lord

11:00 am Holy Communion with Singers (BAS)

This liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's Church with five people present in the building. It is available on the St. John's Elora YouTube channel.

Announcements

Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Singers remain standing

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the Thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie - Singers

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Mark 1.21-28

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the

unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily **Rev'd Judy Steers**

The Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of People

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying together, "Lord, hear our prayer".

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we might become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Susan, our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and all who are connected to the parish of St. John's: that we might remain faithful to our calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of all the nations, and all who are in positions of leadership and authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, and those who are most vulnerable during this time: that you will show your good will to all. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in hospitals and care homes, and all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who live with illness in body or in mind. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom we know need our prayers this day.....Strengthen and console them by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Celebration Of The Eucharist

Hymn 377 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vs 1,2,3

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace!

Jesus – the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks – and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray:

God of steadfast love,
may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the Highest.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said “Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 those who 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei - Singers

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us thy peace*

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *God is my Shepherd*

Dvorak

*God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing.
My rest is in the pleasant meadows,
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!
My fainting soul doth He restore,
And guideth me in the ways of peace
To glorify His Name.*

*And though in death's dark valley
My steps must wander,
My spirit shall not fear,
For Thou art by me still;
Thy rod and staff are with me,
And they shall comfort me.*

Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray:

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine.

May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Deo Gratias from Mass for the Convents

Francois Couperin

Flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the ongoing ministry of the Knitters and Quilters Group.

If you would like flowers in memory of loved ones or to celebrate an occasion please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com

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Announcements for January 31, 2021

Speaker Series

Wednesday February 10 at 7:30pm

Join us on Zoom for our monthly Speaker Series. This month we welcome Rev'd Antonio Illas who coordinates the Migrant Farm Workers Project for the Diocese of Niagara.

St John's supported this ministry with the reading of "A Christmas Carol" in December. Learn how this ministry provides support, advocacy, meals, social connection, wellness, and transportation opportunities to hundreds of Migrant Workers in Ontario each summer.

We don't often realize that our own food security is dependent on the work of Migrant Workers each year. Come and learn more from Rev Antonio at this fascinating talk.

Vestry

Our annual meeting of mission and ministry will be hosted on Zoom on Sunday February 21, 1:30pm.

Book Study

"Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants" This book, by Robin Wall Kimmerer, was on the NY Times bestseller list and will be our Lent book this year. If you would like to purchase a copy for \$25, please contact Rev Judy Steers at curate.stjohnselora@gmail.com or calling 519-846-5911. Conversation on the book will begin on Wednesday February 24, 7:30pm on Zoom. All are welcome.

Sunday Coffee Time

Come for a time to check in with other members of the parish and support one another on Sunday at 1:30 to 2:00pm on Zoom.

Knitters and Quilters

As a way to support one another, this group meets every Wednesday at 10:30am on Zoom for news and informal conversation. Please let us know if you would like to participate. All are welcome.

Technical Support

If you would like some technical support to access any online resources from St. John's please contact Steve Hornett at 519-846-5911 or geek.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Candlemas Evensong

A special Evensong is prepared to celebrate the Feast of Candlemas, forty days after Christmas. It is available on the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel on Monday February 1st at 7:00pm.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministry of St. John's.

You can give a financial gift to the glory of God through:

- *E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com*
- *Online at www.niaqaraanglican.ca/donate (identify "Elora - St. John's" as the parish)*
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