



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

March 7, 2021  
11:00 am

Third Sunday of Lent

## 11:00 am Modified Holy Communion (BCP)

*According to Diocesan Guidelines this liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's with no more than ten people on site.*

### Mass Setting

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Singers remain standing*

**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 - Singers**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### COLLECT

**Celebrant:** We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou has made, and dost 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the firmament showeth his handy-work.

One day telleth another;  
And one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language;  
Their voice cannot be heard;

Yet their sound is gone out into all lands;  
And their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;  
Which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again;  
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;  
The commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;  
The judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught;  
And in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth?  
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me;  
So shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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****John 2.13-22**

*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 John beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.**

## Hymn 529 God My Hope on You is Founded (verses 1,2,4)

God, my hope on you is founded;  
you my faith and trust renew;  
through all change and chance you guide me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, you alone  
call my heart to be your own.

God's great goodness lasts forever,  
Deepest wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendor, light, and life attending,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store  
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown, betray our trust;  
though with care and toil we build them,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour,  
is my temple, and my tower.

**SERMON** Rev'd Judy Steers

**Anthem Wash Me Thoroughly**

S.S. Wesley

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.

*"I beseech you, by the mercies of God, that you present yourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12.1)*

### PRAYERS

Let us pray together to the Lord, saying, "hear our prayer."

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for all those who love and care for us, for the earth which provides for our needs, for health care workers and those providing essential services, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ....

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our Christian family, for our Bishop, Susan, for our ministry to one another, for all the churches in this community and diocese, and for grace to grow together in your love.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our world, for all of its cares and needs, for those elected or appointed to positions of leadership in our province and nation, and for all who lead us and care for us....

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for those in need, for parents, teachers, and children; for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for all those who need our prayers today.....

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love... and we pray for those who mourn.... that you will give them the consolation of your peace.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

*(Singers stand)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

*Singers:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

*Singers:* 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:

*Singers* 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.**

Singers Agnus Dei

### **Administration of Communion**

*Prayer during Communion: The Celebrant partakes of the sacrament on behalf of the entire community.*

### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

*Singers remain standing*

*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**

**POSTLUDE** Adagio from Toccata in C

JS Bach

We do not offer flowers during the season of Lent, however, if you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones for Easter, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-843-5091

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## **Announcements for March 7, 2021**

### **Copies of Bulletin and Sermon**

If you know of someone not connected to a computer who would like the Order of Service and text of the Sermon mailed or delivered to them, please let us know.

### **Technical Support**

If you would like some technical support to access online resources from St. John's, please contact Steve Hornett at [geek.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:geek.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or leave a message at the parish office 519-846-5911.

### **Vestry Report**

If you would like a paper copy of the annual Vestry Report, please let us know and we can make arrangements to get one to you. The Vestry Report is also available on the homepage of our website. [www.stjohnselora.ca](http://www.stjohnselora.ca)

### **Book Study - Braiding Sweetgrass**

We conclude our conversation on the book "Braiding Sweetgrass" on Wednesday at 7:30 on Zoom. Whether you have joined us for the first two sessions or not, you are welcome to come. The link was provided in this week's Pastoral Letter.

### **Weekly Pastoral Letter**

If you would like to receive copies of the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector, please contact Paul at [rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or 519-846-5911.

### **Supporting the Ministry of St. John's**

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