

Passion
Sunday



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario

Diocese of Niagara

March 21, 2021

11:00 am

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

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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, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; 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 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 art 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.

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 12.20-33

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

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

People: **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.

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 596 My Song is Love Unknown (vv 1,3,5,6)

*My song if love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?*

*They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.*

*Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their king.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.*

*Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.*

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:

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine.

I love you and I desire our presence afresh in my life.

Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine at the altar,
come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself to you:

Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

(Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de-Liguori)

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 Tierce en Taille from Mass for the Convents

Francois Couperin

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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Singers

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Announcements for March 21, 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 or leave a message at the parish office 519-846-5911.

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 or 519-846-5911.

Holy Week and Easter Services

According to diocesan guidelines all of our services continue to be offered online as a live-streamed service on the **St. John's Elora YouTube Channel**. **You can tune in anytime to participate.**

Palm Sunday, March 28, 11:00am

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 2, 11:00am

Easter Sunday, April 4, 11:00am

Vision for St. John's

Many people have participated in a visioning workshop online over the past week, and we continue to invite your participation in the coming weeks as we look to establish a vision for a flourishing ministry at St. John's into the 2030's. Our vision will uphold all that is good from our past, embrace all that we are learning in the pandemic, and look to identify significant investments that allow us to build capacity for ministry into the future.

Book Club

All are welcome to join our conversation on the book "Braiding Sweetgrass" on Wednesday at 7:30pm on Zoom. The link is provided in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care or prayer, please call the Parish Office and leave a voicemail for one of the clergy, or contact them by email.