



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

April 7, 2024  
11:00 am

The Octave Day of Easter

## 11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

*Welcome to St. John's*

*Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs  
are available from the Greeters at the back of the church*

**Mass Setting    Communion Service in E**

Harold Darke

**Processional Hymn 220 Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen**

All Saints

*1. Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
tell it with a joyful voice;  
Christ has burst his three days' prison:  
let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.*

*2. Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow;  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
all his woes are over now,  
and the Passion that he bore;  
sin and pain can vex no more.*

*3. Christ is risen, Christ is risen;  
he hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.*

### **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 father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

**Epistle Acts 4.32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Psalm 133** *(plainchant)*

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard,  
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar of his clothing;  
Like as the dew of Hermon, which falleth upon the hills of Sion.  
For there the Lord promised his blessing, even life for evermore.

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL John 20.19-31**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 O Sacred Feast**

Healey Willan

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received,  
the memory of his passion is renewed in us,  
our souls are filled with grace,  
and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

**HOMILY** Rev'd John Lockyer

**Offertory Hymn 207 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

Salzburg

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

*1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
give his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.*

*3. Mighty victim from on high,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
death is broken in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthrall!  
Thou has opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.*

*2. Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love,  
eat we manna from above.*

*4. This, our gift of Easter joy,  
sin alone can now destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise;  
risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.*

**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: Give Almes of thy Goods**

Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods,  
and turn never thy face from any poor man,  
and then the face of the Lord  
shall not be turned away from thee.

### **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 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem  
drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.*

*2. Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.*

*3. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise  
extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*4. Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty  
glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never,  
never fail throughout eternity.*

### POSTLUDE Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

L N Clérambault

The flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip Dunsmore,  
the gift of his parents, Barbara and Graham Dunsmore.

Quartet	Kate Wright, Audrey Coates, Quade Nielsen, Alan Macdonald
Readers	John Spearn, Diana Dpearn
Chalice Bearers	Ken Edwards
Altar Guild	Meg Prichard, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Nancy Knudstrup
Technician	

*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.

## **Events This Week at St. John's**

### **Today**

3:00 Evensong at Christ Church Chapel, Drayton

### **Monday**

2:00 Bible Study (Parish Centre)

6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

### **Tuesday**

9:00 Staff Meeting

11:00 Greater Wellington Clericus (Church of Apostles)

5:30 Volunteer Choir

6:30 Compline Choir

8:00 Compline Service

### **Wednesday**

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

### **Thursday**

7:00 Parish Choir

### **Friday**

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

1:30 Service at Heritage River

### **Sunday April 14 - Third Sunday of EASTER**

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Matins 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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# Welcome to St. John's Elora

## Welcome

Please fill out a "Welcome" card in the pew and return it to the clergy. To learn more about St. John's through the Pastoral Letter sent from the Rector every Saturday, send an email to [rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

## Did you Know?

Over the Great Triduum, between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, we welcomed almost 450 people through our doors.

## Raise Funds for St. John's

Are you ready to make a tangible difference in our church community? The Parish Council approved the idea of establishing a new fund raising team and Margaret Johnson, a member of Parish Council, offered to provide leadership to coordinate fund raising efforts for the year. Turn your faith into action by joining this team today and help become a positive force behind our shared mission and ministry goals! To learn more or be a part of this team [contact Margaret Johnson by email](#) at or leave a message for Margaret at the office, 519-846-5911.

## Thinking about Baptism

If you know of someone who is thinking about baptism please let the Rector know. Baptism is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

## Bible Study on St. Matthew

A new Bible Study series on the gospel of Matthew will begin on Monday April 22, 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Please join us.

## Compline Service - Tuesday April 9

Choir rehearses at 6:30. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend this reflective and short liturgy to end the day. Compline is offered on Tuesday April 9, May 7 and June 4.

## TRC Reading and Reflection Group - Tuesday April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Learn more about the 94 Calls to Action. We meet on Zoom and the link is provided in the weekly Pastoral Letter.

## Knitters and Quilters - Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Whether you knit or quilt or not you are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings for fellowship and activities.

### **Song Circle - Friday at 10:30 a.m.**

Stan Litch leads an informal time of singing some old tunes. It's a fun and informal time together of singing and stories. All are welcome.

### **Concert - Sunday April 28 at 3:15 p.m.**

Bach Meditations, Cantata 12, the St. John's Parish Choir with Baroque ensemble. Admission by donation at the door.

### **Elora Children's Choir - Mondays at 6:00 p.m.**

If you have children who are interested in the joining the Elora Children's Choir, part of our musical outreach program at St. John's, please contact Kate Wright in the Parish Choir or leave a message for her in the Parish office.

### **Flower Arranging Workshop - Saturday May 25, 1:00 p.m.**

Damaris Martin and Dawn McClure are offering a flower arranging workshop for up to 8 people in the Parish Centre. Cost is \$15 per person. Vases will be displayed at the Coronation Evensong and Tea on May 26, and then you can take your arrangement home. Space is limited, so register today by contacting Dawn or Damaris through the Parish office.

### **Mark your Calendar**

Patronal Festival and Lunch - Sunday May 5, 11:00 a.m.

Coronation Evensong and Garden Tea - Sunday May 26, 4:00 p.m.

### **Washrooms**

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church).