



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

April 21, 2024
11:00 am

Fourth Sunday 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 Missa Brevis #4

Eleanor Daley

Processional Hymn 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dominus Regit Me

*1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.*

*4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.*

*2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.*

*5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth.*

*3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.*

*6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!*

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 (*congregation please stand*)

Merbecke

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: O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Epistle Acts 4.5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalms 23 (*plainchant*)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall restore my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me;
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(please stand)

GOSPEL John 10.11-18

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 10th chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 11th verse.

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

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 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need;
 Jehovah is His Name;
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed
 Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wand'ring spirit back
 When I forsake His ways,
 And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
 In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death,
 Thy presence is my stay;
 A word of Thy supporting breath
 Drives all my fears away.
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
 Doth still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows;
 Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
 Attend me all my days;
 O may Thy house be mine abode,
 And all my work be praise!
 There would I find a settled rest
 (While others go and come),
 No more a stranger or a guest,
 But like a child at home.

HOMILY Rev'd John Lockyer**Offertory Hymn 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

St. Peter

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

*1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 in a believer's ear!
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
 and drives away our fear.*

*3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,
 my shield and hiding place,
 my never failing treasury,
 filled with boundless stores of grace.*

*2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 and calms the troubled breast;
 'tis manna to the hungry soul,
 and to the weary rest.*

*4. Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.*

*5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
 and cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.*

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: Surrexit pastor bonus

Jacob Regnart

The good shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and for his flock deigned to die, alleluia.

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

Recessional Hymn 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Thornbury

*1. Your hand, O God,
has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*3. When shadows, thickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*2. Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise,
and hasten to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*4. And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored:
and the covenant of promise –
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

*5. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creations,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.*

POSTLUDE Little Prelude and Fugue in G minor

J S Bach

The flowers are to the glory of God.

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Jean and Chris Houston
Chalice Bearers	Jean Houston, Bob Cooper
Altar Guild	Meg Prichard, Susan Hirst
Flower Guild	Damaris Martin
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 sweets are served in Thompson Hall.

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

- 2:00 NEW: Bible Study Series on the Gospel of Matthew (Parish Centre)
- 6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

Tuesday

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:30 Volunteer Choir
- 7:30 TRC Reading Group (Zoom)

Wednesday

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters
- 10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

- 10:00 New Clergy Training Workshop (Cathedral)
- 7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

- 10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Sunday April 28 - Fifth Sunday of EASTER

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir
- 11:00 Choral Matins
- 3:15 CONCERT: Bach Meditations

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

Raise Funds for St. John's

Be a part of supporting the ministry and mission of St. John's on the new Fundraising Team, led by Margaret Johnson.

To learn more or be a part of this team contact Margaret Johnson.

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 - Monday at 2pm

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

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

Contact Kate Wright in the Parish Choir or leave a message for her in the Parish office.

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

Learn more about the 94 Calls to Action by meeting together on Zoom.

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

Stan Litch leads an informal time of singing some old tunes. All are welcome.

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

Bach's post-Easter cantata BWV12 inspired parts of his monumental B-minor mass. Experience this music in context alongside musical and scriptural reflections with full Parish Choir and step-out soloists. Admission by donation at the door.

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.

Patronal Festival - Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday May 5

If you willing to contribute something to the luncheon following the Patronal Festival please [contact Thomas Littlewood](#).

Bishop's Company Dinner - Tuesday May 7

The Bishop's Company raises funds to allow the Bishop to provide resources to theological students and support to clergy and their families in transition or crisis. There will be a special dinner at the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Bishop will interview Rev'd Michael Coren, priest, author, and columnist. If you are interested in supporting a table from St. John's for 8 guests, please leave a message for the Rector.

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

Let me know if you are willing to coordinate the Garden Tea event.

The 2024 Elora Singers Vocal Academy Participants in Recital.

Friday May 3 – 12:00 noon at St. John's Anglican Church, Elora

This recital is an opportunity to hear the eight talented singers who have been chosen to participate in the intensive Vocal Academy program, led by Mark Vuorinen, The Elora Singers, renowned tenor Benjamin Butterfield and accompanist Anna Ronai. Come hear the stars of tomorrow!

Admission is free.

Maiden, Mystics, Myths and Memories

The Elora Singers joined by the 2024 Vocal Academy Participants in concert.

Sunday May 5 - 4:00 pm at Harcourt United Church in Guelph

Come enjoy a feast of choral gems! Tomas Luis de Victoria, Sergei Rachmaninov, Benjamin Britten, Francis Poulenc, Eric Whitacre, Samuel Barber and more!

Tickets can be purchased at elorasingers.ca

Thank You

The Rector returns from a week of holiday tomorrow. Thank you to Rev'd John Lockyer for providing pastoral coverage and liturgical leadership during this past week.

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).