



# Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara

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

*This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines of having no more than ten people on site.*

*We wish to acknowledge that we are on the land that, at time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony between two rivers.*

*At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.*

**Mass Setting      Darke in F**

**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 - Singer**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **COLLECT**

*Celebrant:* O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.

You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

*People:* Amen.

## **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAMUEL**

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

**Psalm 133** (said responsively)

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is  
**when kindred 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 hew of Hermon,  
**which falleth upon the hills of Sion.**

For there the Lord promised his blessing,  
**even life for evermore.**

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**        **Mark 4.35-41**

*Reader:*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:*        The Holy Gospel is written in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Mark  
beginning at the 35<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of Christ.

*People:*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**All:                I BELIEVE in one God 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 567 Eternal Father, Strong to Save (vv 1,2,3)**

*Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm restrains the restless wave,  
who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed  
bounds to keep:  
we cry, O God of majesty, for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed  
their raging at your word,  
who walked across the surging deep and in the storm  
lay calm in sleep:  
we cry, O Lord of Galilee, for those in peril on the sea.*

*Creator Spirit, by whose breath were fashioned sea and  
sky and earth;  
who made the stormy chaos cease and gave us life and  
light and peace:  
We cry, O Spirit strong and free,  
for those in peril on the sea.*

**HOMILY** Canon Paul Walker

### **Anthem Ave Verum**

W.A. Mozart

*Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, who has truly suffered on the cross for humanity,  
From whose pierced side flowed blood and water, be with us in the hour of our death.*

### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*During the Anthem the Celebrant prepared the elements for Communion.*

*“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you: for this is the law and the prophets.” Matthew 7.12*

### **INTERCESSIONS**

*(From the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land, 2016)*

Let us pray for First Nations, Indigenous and Metis peoples of Canada. Let us pray for the church in Canada, in our diocese, and our ministry at St. John’s. Let us pray for all who live here, and all who are in positions of power and authority. Let us pray for the work of reconciliation.

Almighty God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness of all creation.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our ears that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and the stories of refreshment.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our lips that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the courageous work you call us to do.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our loved ones who live with illness, addiction, or distress.....  
that they might know the peace of your healing presence.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch those who live the journey of grief.....  
and raise up to new life our loved ones who have died.....  
That by your love they participate in your Son's resurrection and are surrounded by all of our  
ancestors in light.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

We offer these prayers from our hearts 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**

*(Singer 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:

*Quartet*

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.**

### **Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

*The following prayer is said by all during this prayer the elements may be elevated, in offering to the people.*

*Celebrant:* We receive you Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.**

## Quartet      **Agnus Dei**

*The celebrant receives the sacrament on behalf of the entire community.*

### **Prayer During Reception:**

*Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, Come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you.*

*(Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria e'Liguori)*

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

*Singer remain standing*

*Celebrant:*      Let us pray.

**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 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      Caprice sur les Grands Jeux**

L.N. Clerambault

*The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

Readers	Thomas Littlewood, Tez Darnell
Quartet	Audrey Coates, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Luke MacLean
Video Technician	Steve Hornett

# Announcements for June 20, 2021

## Keeping in Touch

If you would like a copy of the Order of Service and text of the Sunday sermon delivered or mailed to you, please let us know.

## Pastoral Care

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

## St John's Summer Celebration

As we continue to offer our liturgical resources online, to keep things fresh and engaging, we are preparing an exciting line up of guest preachers, speakers, and special music between July 6-18. It is all available on the St John's Elora YouTube channel, so spread the word to invite others to join you. It will be live-streamed but also available to watch any time afterwards. More details to come.

## Givings

Thank you for your continued commitment to support St. John's ministry with a financial gift. Your gift makes a difference. You can give a gift through offering envelopes or through monthly Pre-Authorized Giving by contacting Steve Hornett, our Givings Secretary, at 519-846-5911 or [givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:givings.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

## Special Vestry

Almost sixty people participated in the Special Vestry on Tuesday over Zoom to unanimously approve the findings presented in the Vision Paper released on Pentecost Sunday. It was a most encouraging turn out of people with productive discussion that clearly demonstrates a deep commitment to the future of our ministry at St. John's.

Vestry approved the Four Areas of Ministry as follows:

**Proclaim the love of Christ:** We are being called to foster faith and human flourishing for others by authentically celebrating who we are and what we have done through God's grace, and not to imitating others programming.

**Engage and Involve:** We are being called to partner with the community and to engage broadly through a hybrid of in-person and expanded online programming.

**Musical Outreach:** We are being called to invest in our music programming to foster faith for people from all geographies, age groups, and those thirsty for spiritual engagement and fulfillment.

**Open Doors:** We are being called to create a new accessible and welcoming space for all. In the fall the Parish Council will begin forming working groups to address begin to address these four areas.

### **St John's Summer Celebration July 6-18**

Spread the word and invite others to join you in any of these online events designed to inspire and engage you.

Worship services are live-streamed on the St John's YouTube Channel, and Zoom links for mid week guest speakers will be provided next month, or by contacting [socialmedia.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:socialmedia.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

**Tuesday July 6 - [Joanna Demenjian](#)** takes us to her home to explore the comfort and kindness of women who participated in the Canadian Red Cross campaign to provide quilts during the war effort. 7:00pm on Zoom.

**Thursday July 8 - Choral Evensong with Quartet.**  
7:30pm on YouTube.

**Sunday July 11 - [Archbishop Linda Nicholls](#),** Primate of Canada - guest preacher and attending Coffee Time.  
11:00am on YouTube for the service.

1:30pm on Zoom for Coffee with the Primate.

**Thursday July 13 - [Timothy Schmaltz](#)** internationally acclaimed sculptor, takes us into his Kitchener studio and talks with us about his passion of sculpting and his faith.  
7:00pm on Zoom.

**Sunday July 18 - [Dr Wendy Fletcher](#),** President and Vice Chancellor of Renison University College, guest preacher.  
11:00am on YouTube for the service.

**BONUS FEATURES:** Some members of the Parish Choir are preparing a few special musical selections to be released throughout the two weeks called "Parish Choir Unplugged."

### **National Indigenous Day of Prayer**

The Anglican Church of Canada first presented the idea of using June 21, the summer solstice, as the Indigenous Day of Prayer in 1971.

Our intercessions this morning come from the Diocese of Rupert's Land (2016) and are one resource offered for use in the church in Canada for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer.

The intercessions were developed from the Synod of Rupert's Land which made a commitment "to find intentional ways to bring forward, in repentance, our participation in the sins of colonization both historically and presently, asking for God's mercy, forgiveness and transformative power to act in all our lives as we seek to be reconciled to one another and to participate in the redemption of the world."

May we all share in this ongoing commitment at St. John's.

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