

HOPE



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Clora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

November 29, 2020
11:00 am

Advent 1

11:00 am Holy Communion with Quartet (BCP)

Mass Setting Piccolomini Mass

Mozart

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, it 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 - Quartet

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT

Celebrant: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Be seated.

FIRST READING Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

(said responsively by verse)

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;

show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,

stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

Turn us again, O God;

show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts,

how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

Thou has fed them with the bread of tears,

and hast given them plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou makest us a very strife unto our neighbours,

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, O God of hosts;

show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Let the hand be upon the man of thy right hand,

and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

And so shall we not go back from thee:

O let us live, and we will call upon thy Name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;

show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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 13.24-37

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of the gospel according to Mark beginning at the 24th verse.

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

Reader Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." 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.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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- *E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com*
- *Online at www.niagaraanglican.ca/donate (identify "Elora - St. John's" as the parish)*
- *In person through the mail slot of the door of the Parish Centre*
- *Canada Post to St. John's Elora, [36 Henderson Street, Elora, ON, NOB 1S0](#)*

"Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28)

The Quartet will sing a hymn during the Preparation of the Gifts.

HYMN Quartet

Hark! A Herald Voice is Sounding

INTERCESSIONS

Kneel as you are able.

Celebrant:

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our all who proclaim the gospel in this community, our diocese and around the world.

Let us remember before God all of our loved ones who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Leader:

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present and all those gathered together with us online, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired..... Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear:..... and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People: **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

Quartet stands

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Quartet: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Quartet: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Quartet: 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 all the 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.

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.

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, 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.

Be seated.

Quartet Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

The sacrament is offered in one kind only.

The Celebrant partakes of the chalice on behalf of the entire community, gathered in person and online.

Anthem *(Quartet)* A Tender Shoot

Goldschmidt

*A tender shoot hath started
Up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted,
From Jesse's holy race,
It blooms without blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning darkness into light.*

*This shoot Isaiah taught us
From Jesse's root should spring,
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing,
Our God of endless might,
Gave her this child to save us
Thus turning darkness into light.*

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Kneel as you are able.

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 Sleepers Wake

J S Bach

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

If you would like flowers in memory of loved ones or to celebrate an occasion please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com

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Announcements for November 29, 2020

Coffee Time

You are invited to join us for a time to check in and visit with one another and the clergy and staff Sunday, 1:30 to 2:30 on Zoom.

Pastoral Letters

If you do not receive a copy of the weekly Pastoral Letter from the Rector by email, please contact Paul at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

Resources Online

Given the local case numbers, and the need to minimize public gatherings to keep one another safe, we have suspended attendance at in-person liturgies until further notice. You can access the following resources to help keep you connected and sustained in your faith:

Wednesdays - Morning or Evening Prayer at St. John's Elora YouTube Channel

Wednesdays - 10:30am Knitters and Quilters gather on Zoom

Thursdays - Choral Thursday from our Parish Choir at St. John's Elora YouTube Channel

Sundays - 11:00am Livestream of liturgy with Quartet and Sermon

Sundays - 1:30pm Coffee Time on Zoom

If you do not have a computer to access the bulletin, let Paul know and we can make arrangements to deliver or mail a copy to you.

Book Study

Our conversation on the book, *"Why are We Here? A Meditation on Canada"* concludes this Wednesday at 4:00pm on Zoom.

Calendars

We have more Canadian Church Calendars (with the photographs) for \$5 each; and more Anglican Church Calendars (with the watercolours) for \$8 each. Contact the office if you would like one.

Christmas Puddings

If you haven't ordered your Christmas Pudding please let us know, and a member of the Knitters and Quilters will be in touch with you to make arrangements for contactless payment and pick up. \$20 each.

Advent Lessons and Carols

TONIGHT, Sunday November 29th, at 7:00pm. This is a very special service to mark the beginning of the Advent season. It is pre-recorded and available on the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 20th, 7:00pm. At this point, Bishop Susan is joining us to offer this service to people across the diocese in the hopes of entering the Christmas season and promoting the work of the Bishop's Company. In order to follow up, while it's not necessary for attendance, the Bishop invites us to pre-register for the service on the website for the Diocese of Niagara. The first 100 registrations received before December 15th will receive a copy of the Parish Choir's Christmas CD, *"Here's Your Figgy Pudding 2020"*.

Bishop's Company

Monday November 30th at 7:00pm participate in a fund raiser event for the Bishop's Company, which allows the Bishop to support clergy and lay leaders in transition or crisis during the year. Our own Peter Barr is the MC for this event, Bishop Susan interviews Archbishop Linda Nicholls, and you can ask the Primate questions about the church, the pandemic, or whatever (well, almost). You can find more information on the [Diocese of Niagara website](#).

PWRDF

Our PWRDF group sent out an email last week identifying the work of PWRDF during the pandemic in Bangladesh, Kenya, and South Sudan. We continue to invite your generous support for the water well project in Kenya by making a gift in your offering envelope marked "PWRDF - Kenya Water Wells." You are invited to look through the PWRDF Christmas Gift Catalogue for ideas of gift giving to loved ones, and to order Christmas Cards at 1-866-308-7973. You can find the gift catalogue in the recent edition of the Anglican Journal or online at www.pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts.

