

*"Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have believed."*

*– John 20:29b*



## **Church of St. John the Evangelist Clora, Ontario**

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*Welcome to St. John's – If you are new or visiting with us this morning, welcome! We are delighted that you are here. Please introduce yourself by signing our guest book, or by completing one of the Visitor's Cards and Envelopes available in the pews. One of our Sidespeople will be happy to answer any of your questions about St. John's or today's worship.*

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:00 am Contemporary Eucharist (BAS)

**11:00 am Lessons and Carols for Eastertide (BCP)**

Hearing assistive receivers (stethoscope/earphones) are available from the sidespersons.

Large print hymn and prayer books available at the back of the church.

**Introit** *Sons and Daughters*

arr. Poston

1. *Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,  
O'er death today rose triumphing, Alleluia!*
2. *That Easter morn at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay, Alleluia!*
3. *An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sat, and said unto the three,  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee," Alleluia!*
4. *How blest are they who have not seen,  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
For they eternal life shall have, Alleluia!*
5. *On this most holiest of days  
Our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise  
To thee in jubilee and praise, Alleluia!*

**Processional Hymn 455** *Great Shepherd of Thy People*

Belmont

Easter Sentence

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Carol** *Since by Man Came Death* (1 Cor. 15.21,22)

Handel

*Since by man came Death,  
By man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Lesson I *Death will be swallowed up in victory*

read by Terry Petkau

Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Carol**     *Surrexit Christus hodie*  
*Our Lord is risen again today. Alleluia!*  
*The powers of sin and death to slay. Alleluia!*  
*His resurrection day proclaim. Alleluia!*  
*Give thanks to God and bless his Name. Alleluia!*  
*He suffered death upon the cross. Alleluia!*  
*For us he bore all pain and loss. Alleluia!*  
*The Holy Trinity be praised. Alleluia!*  
*Let grateful hymns to God be raised. Alleluia!*

Scheidt

Lesson II     *The Prophet Ezekiel is granted a vision of the day of resurrection*     Ezekiel 37.1-14  
read by Audrey Petkau

He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. See, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. He said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, "Thus says the Lord God"; whether they hear or refuse to hear.

Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the Lord rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling; it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a loud rumbling. The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me.

**Hymn 215**     *Give Me the Wings of Faith*  
(Children are invited to go down to Sunday school.)

Wiltshire

Lesson III     *The risen Christ encounters Mary Magdalene in the garden*     John 20.11-18  
read by Christine Kerr

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Carol** *God so Loved the World* John 3.16  
*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

Chilcott

Lesson IV *St. Peter exults in the promise of the resurrection*  
read by Patricia Reimer

1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Carol** *Now Glad of Heart*  
*Now glad of heart be ev'ry one!  
The fight is fought, the day is won,  
The Christ is set upon his throne.*

arr. Shaw

*Who baffled death and harrowed hell  
And led the souls that loved him well  
All in the light of lights to dwell.*

*Who on the rood was crucified,  
Who rose again, as at this tide,  
In glory to his Father's side.*

*To him we raise our heart and voice  
And in this paradise rejoice  
With harp and pipe and happy noise.*

*Then rise, all Christian folk with me  
And carol forth the One in Three  
That was, and is, and is to be.*

Lesson V *Christ leads Thomas from doubt to faith*  
read by Susan Edwards

John 20.24-31

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.

**Offertory Hymn 460** *Lo, God is Here*

St. Catherine

Lesson VI *Jesus identifies himself in the parable of the sheep gate*  
read by Gerry Hill

John 10.1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They

will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Carol** *Ubi Caritas*  
*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*  
*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*  
*Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.*  
*Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.*  
*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

Mealor  
*Where charity and love are, God is there.*  
*The love of Christ has gathered us into one.*  
*Let us rejoice and delight in Him.*  
*Let us fear and love the living God,*  
*And let us honour Him with a sincere heart.*  
*Amen.*

Lesson VII *St. John testifies to the risen Christ*  
read by Sharon Rice

1 John 1.1-4

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

**Homily** Rector

**Carol** *The Rain is Over and Gone*  
*The rain is over and gone,*  
*And the winter is passing by,*  
*The time for singing has come,*  
*And the clouds have parted from the sky.*

Halley  
*We will rise and go to the city,*  
*The city without any walls,*  
*Where we can live in freedom,*  
*To the new Jerusalem we're called.*

*Arise, my love, and come away,*  
*For lo! The winter is past,*  
*The rain is over and gone,*  
*Over and gone, my love,*  
*Come away, my fair one, come away.*

*Arise, my love, my fair one,*  
*For lo! the winter is gone,*  
*The flowers appear on the earth again,*  
*And the time for singing has come.*

*Sing of life and love and laughter,*  
*Sing of freedom to live in peace,*  
*And there shall be no more crying,*  
*only joy that will never cease.*

Closing Prayers

**Recessional Hymn**169 *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

St. Fulbert

**Organ Voluntary** *Concerto in F*

Walther

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The flowers at the Altar today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Veronica Punnett, the gift of her husband, Gerald, and in loving memory of Isobel Chalmers, the gift of family. Also, to commemorate the birthdays (May 12th) of Shirley MacRae (founder of St. John's Parish Choir), Jeanne Wallace (whose cushions we kneel on for Holy Communion) and Florence Nightingale, cousin of Rev'd John Smithurst.

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### **Patronal Feast!**

Our Patronal Feast of Saint John, bringing our three Sunday liturgies together as one parish, was a soaring success! A huge thank-you to everyone involved, with specific thanks to Father John Lockyer for serving as MC. Susan Edwards and Nancy Scott mixed us up with a couple of games, and St. John's choristers united us in singing Amazing Grace. After a delectable meal, our Warden Peter Barr invited us to support St. John's five priorities; thanked Catherine Robertson as interim Parish Choir Conductor; and encouraged everyone to give generously to the Choir Fund. Walter Langford invited Bob Ford forward so we all could express thanks for Bob's work as our Custodian. Many parishioners worked behind the scenes to pull this event together, and two young women from Portage provided great help on the day. Most of all, our thanks to you for your acceptance of the invitation to come. Such time together as a parish encourages us to grow in many unexpected ways. For photographs and more description of this event, please visit the St. John's Elora Facebook page.

## **Announcements for Sunday, May 12**

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	8:45-9:15 am	Mattins (in Church)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	PWRDF Committee Meeting
	12 noon	Wellington Clericus (All Saints, Shelburne)
	3:30 pm	Parish Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30-6:30 pm	Volunteer Choir Practice (in Church)
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	4:45-5:15 pm	Youth Choir Practice (in Church)

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

<b>Easter V</b>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 am	Contemporary Eucharist
	11:00 am	Choral Eucharist

### **CHOIR FUND**

The Parish Choir Fund is a trust fund, independent from the annual operating budget. As we anticipate two Choral Evensongs before the end of this season with John Wiens, we invite you to give generously towards supporting this ministry, which has become so important to St. John's identify and outreach. Please make cheques to St. John's, identifying clearly on the cheque and envelope "Choir Fund." Thank you for your support.

**WOMAN'S DINNER GROUP** - plan to join us on May 15th for our annual pot luck dinner! This is an excellent opportunity to bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fellowship and laughter. Please RSVP to Charlotte at [charlotteloganis@yahoo.com](mailto:charlotteloganis@yahoo.com) or at 519 846 2763. Dinner is at 6 30 pm cost is \$15.00 (\$10.00 if you contribute a dish)

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Our Parish Council meets on Tuesday afternoon to review our five priority areas: Accessibility, Social Justice and Outreach, Online Presence, Welcoming Newcomers, and Children and Youth. If you have some interest to be involved in any of these Working Groups, please let a member of Parish Council know.

### **COORDINATOR OF OFFICE VOLUNTEERS, SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS**

The Rector is looking for someone to oversee the Parish Office volunteers and to undertake some project initiatives as it relates to special services and events. Requirements include computer literacy, well-developed communication and project management skills, and the ability to give time to the office and to the position. For more information and a position description, contact the Rector.

## **THANK YOU**

Today's Service of Lessons and Carols for Eastertide is the last service that Catherine Robertson is conducting the Parish Choir. As you are able, please join us downstairs following the 11am liturgy to give thanks to Catherine for her work. Next Sunday we welcome our new Director of Music, John Wiens.

## **ASCENSION DAY CHORAL EVENSONG - THURSDAY MAY 30, 6:30PM**

Join us forty days after Easter to mark the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday May 30 at 6:30pm with a special Choral Evensong.

## **CORONATION EVENSONG - SUNDAY JUNE 2, 3:00PM**

We are looking for someone to coordinate the reception following the Coronation Evensong on Sunday June 2. The guest preacher will be Rev'd Rob Mitchell, Incumbent at St. Olave's Church, Toronto.

## **INTERESTED IN MORE?**

If you are interested in following the way of Christ's resurrection more intentionally, and have never been baptized, or would be interested in Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or Reception into the Anglican Communion, please speak to the Rector. There is a service of Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Reception on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE DIOCESE**

Bishop Susan has launched a strategic planning process for the Diocese, and invites your input and participation to help us build a Mission Action Plan for Synod in November. There will be three opportunities across the Diocese for you to participate. The gathering at All Saints Lutheran-Anglican Church in Guelph, on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm would be our closest.

## **ONE THING**

Bishop Susan is inviting you to think of **one thing** you can do to deepen your spiritual life, or your awareness of God, or grow in your faith. Between now and Synod in November, the bishop is asking to hear from you what you choose to do. What one thing will you do to deepen your spiritual life? You can mail your intention in using the "One Thing" intention card available at the back of the church; or you email her at [onething@niagaraanglican.ca](mailto:onething@niagaraanglican.ca), or get some ideas by looking online at [niagaraanglican.ca/onething](http://niagaraanglican.ca/onething).

## **FOOD BANK**

Our present needs are for school luncheon foods..juices, puddings, and fruit cups. As well we are very low on hamburger helper and side kicks. There is a list on the bulletin board suggesting further donations. Any help would be most appreciated.