ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 22 2015
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for worshiping with us. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a faithful parishioner or a returning friend, please know that you always have a place at God's table. As you enter today, may the gathering of this community strengthen you to take God's compassion and peace to a world in need of both."

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HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

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Introit Psalm 43 p. 384
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Celebrant The Reverend Canon Christopher Pratt

EUCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The Reverend Canon Christopher Pratt

During the Prelude we quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship and refrain from unnecessary conversation

Organ Prelude: Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder, BuxWV 178
D. Buxtehude

Opening Hymn 500 ..... **Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant**
Greeting
Collect for Purity ..... p. 185
Children's Focus
Children's Recessional 179:5, 6f.... **Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**
Collect for The Day ..... p. 295

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

In a time of political and religious convulsions, Jeremiah comforts the people of both northern and southern Israel. Despite their past infidelity, God will act for his people, in a new way.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 ..... Ray Cloutier
Psalm 51: 1-13..... p.770
Psalm Prayer: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The author has outlined the role of the Jewish high priest. Now he compares, and contrasts, Christ with him.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10 ..... Debbie Sheach
Gradual Hymn 622: 1 ..... **How Bright Appears the Morning Star**

The festival of Passover, an occasion when both Jews and others who hold God in awe, approaches – as does Jesus' death on the cross.

Gospel Reading ..... John 12:20-33
Gradual Hymn 622: 2..... **How Bright Appears the Morning Star**
Sermon ..... The Reverend Paul Kett

Apostles' Creed ..... p. 189
The Prayers of the People ..... Angus Sheach
Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.
Response: Hear our prayer.
Confession, Absolution and Exchange of the Peace p.191

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: *Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also. John 12:26*
Offertory Hymn 455..... **Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**
Prayer over the Gifts..... p. 295
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Eucharistic Prayer 3..... p. 198
Sanctus/Benedictus ..... Hymnbook 689
Lord's Prayer ..... BAS p. 918
Breaking of the Bread 6 ..... p. 213
Agnus Dei..... Hymnbook 690

A Chalice has been prepared for those who wish to share in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion by means of intinction. It is located beside the font.

After sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion
those who have personal petitions or who wish to offer intercession for others are invited to the meditation area for
The Ministry of the Laying on of Hands with Prayers for Healing.
Communion Hymn 70..... **Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts**
Choir Anthem: Out of the Depths ..... A. Hovhaness
Post Communion Prayer..... p. 295
Parish Notices
Closing Hymn 444 ..... **Your Hand, O God, Has Guided**
Organ Postlude: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand .....D. Buxtehude
The Postlude is the concluding offering of worship; Those who wish to leave during the Postlude are asked to do so quietly.

Rector
The Reverend Canon Christopher Pratt
Assistant Clergy
The Venerable Ken Cardwell
The Reverend Paul Kett
The Reverend Canon Sonjie Pearson
The Reverend George Strack
Theological Student in Residence
Matt Kieswetter
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Choral Scholar
Rebecca McKay
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Joshua Zentner-Barrett, CRCCO
Parish Nurse
Elsie Millerd, RN, BN, DipCS, MTS
Chalice Bearers for March 22 2015
Ann Kelland, Ken Hull, Margaret Hendley

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday March 23
7:00 p.m. ACW Meeting – Fireside Room
Tuesday March 24
1:00 p.m. Prayer Group – St. Aidan's Altar
Wednesday March 25
7:30 a.m. Early Morning Communion followed by Breakfast
7:00 p.m. Study Group – The Jesus Fatwah – Fireside Room
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer
Thursday March 26
6:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Lower Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Health Council Meeting – Fireside Room
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday March 29 – Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m. Bach Vespers for Palm Sunday

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The Prayers of the People – March 22 2015

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania, The Right Reverend Godfrey Sehaba, Bishop, and for the clergy and people and their mutual calling to ministry and mission.

PRAY for Robert and Terry, our Bishops; for Colin, Archbishop of Ontario; Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Susan, National Bishop, and Michael, Bishop of the Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. This week we pray for Archbishop Percy Coffin and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. In the ELCIC we pray for the Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod.

PRAY for Christopher, our Rector; for Matt, our theological student; for Rebecca, Choral Scholar, and Josh, Organ Scholar; for the assisting clergy, and lay leaders of our Parish.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people and clergy in London Deanery, especially St. Jude's, St. Luke the Evangelist, St. Mark's, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and St. Michael and All Angels, all in London.

IN ST. JOHN'S CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for one another, that we may bear witness of our faith in our daily occupations and responsibilities. This week we pray for Gwen Smith, Lynda Smith, Earla & Stuart Smith, Merrian & Ted Smith and their families.

PERSONAL PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

WE PRAY this week for Joan; Jeannie; Carol; Marlin; Linda & John; Miriam; Gordon; Dorothy; Sylvia; Lindsay; Susan; John; Randolph; Margot; Pat; Sandi; Linda; Larry; Bob & family; Karen & family; Jennie; Donna and family; Laura; Harry; Bette; Tom.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

For the troubled and war-torn places in our world, including, Syria and other parts of the Middle East, Central African Republic, Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, especially Gaza.

For students and teachers returning to school after the March break holiday, and for all who travel.

For all preparing for baptism at Easter.

For support and encouragement in our Lenten disciplines.

Parish Notices – March 22, 2015

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation towards the EASTER SUNDAY flowers in memory of loved ones, please use the envelopes marked “EASTER FLOWERS”. These envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please print the information requested and place the envelope on the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office no later than Sunday March 29th. If you are paying with a cheque, please make it payable to “St. John’s ACW”.

A REMINDER TO the Tuesday evening Study Group. We will meet this week on Wednesday (March 25) at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. This will be our final session in the series "The Jesus Fatwah". Our guest will be Professor Idrisa Pandit, of Renison University College.

Lenten Virtual Walk February 22 to April 05: The Health Council invites you to join them on a virtual walk across the dioceses that belong to the Council of the North.
Please sign up on the sheets available in the Narthex and the Upper Parish Hall. All forms of exercise count and will be converted to kilometres.
Some facts about the Council of the North: The Diocese of Mishamikoweesh The Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh came into being June 1, 2014. The creation of this new diocese marked a major milestone in the journey of establishing of a self-determining, self-sustaining indigenous church within the Anglican Church of Canada. It encompasses over twenty-five First Nations communities in Northwestern Ontario and Northern Manitoba. The name, in Ojibway, means “Big Beaver House”. The Diocese of Moosonee As of December 2013 this is no longer a Diocese, rather it is a Mission Area. The Area straddles Northern Ontario and North Western Quebec, covering an area of 560,000 square kilometres.
A prayer for the walk: "Dear Lord, as you walked among us, we saw your kingdom draw near. Open our eyes to see the ways you are building your kingdom among us here and now - and may we receive it with humble and open hearts. "

Bach Vespers on Palm Sunday: Spiritus Ensmble performs Bach Cantatas 22 & 23 and The Lord's Prayer by John Tavener on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 4 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener, with soloists Stephanie Kramer, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Bud Roach and Daniel Lichti. Free admission, donations welcomed.

TOLLE LEGE — "TAKE UP AND READ"
Visit the new church library in the upper parish hall. Consider... *Becoming Human* by Jean Vanier, a revolutionary work about how we can change the world by creating compassionate communities.

FROM THE PANTRY: Many thanks to all of you for your donations of glass canning jars. The team has made Seville Orange marmalade two ways, strawberry jam, and raspberry jam. These items will be for sale after both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services on Sunday, March 29 in the Upper Parish Hall. The prices are: "special" marmalade $6.00; regular marmalade $5.00; raspberry and strawberry jams $4.00. As this is the first food related offering by the FROM THE PANTRY TEAM, quantities are limited. Thank you.

Baked Potato Luncheon (Mothering Day) Last Sunday's baked potato luncheon turned out to be a mashing success! Concerns that the taters might not be fully cooked were, dare we say, half-baked, and parishioners were instead treated to spuds that emerged from the oven in a state of steamy, starchy quintessence. The only thing that might have left a sour taste in the mouth was the (sour) cream – and perhaps the regrettable fact that we ran out of bacon. Chief potato wrangler Charles Stuart would like to thank Team Tater (Pamela, Susan, and Cheryl), who provided greatly appreciated guidance and support on Sunday, and his son William, who cheerfully spent Saturday afternoon helping out his dad. A big thanks also to the many others who variously shared their advice and participated in the cleanup. Finally, an expression of gratitude to those who took up the rector's challenge and prepared a Simnel cake for dessert. Your correspondent selflessly dedicated himself to the task of trying each and every one of the Simnel cakes on offer, and he is happy to report that they were all delicious, although he can perhaps be forgiven a bias in favour of his wife's rum-soaked contribution.

Roll Up the Rim for Out of the Cold: Tim Hortons has started its Roll Up the Rim contest for 2015. St. John's ACW is asking you to donate your "free muffin" or "free coffee" winning rims to the Out of the Cold program where the winning rims will be given out to those requiring shelter. Winning rims can be placed in the box provided on the table in the Narthex. Donated rims will be accepted until the contest ends. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Gift Case Buy-A-Brick Cookbook – You may need a new cookbook for the cottage, a hostess gift, or maybe you just need one. We would like to sell our supply. Come to the Gift Case!

Josh Zentner-Barrett's Graduation Recital. Please join Josh Zentner-Barrett, our Organ Scholar, as he presents his graduation recital, a final requirement for his undergraduate degree. He will perform works by Bach, Buxtehude, Vierne, Cabena, and Petr Eben, on the two organs of St John's Church. All are welcome this Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8 p.m. at the Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. Admission is free, with a short reception to follow.

The Grand Philharmonic Choir presents its annual Good Friday concert: Bach: St, Matthew Passion, with Rufus Muller as the Evangelist. Friday April 3, 7:30 p.m., Centre in the Square, Kitchener. Tickets $22 to $75, $20 for under-30s, $14 for college and university students, $5 for high school students. Visit centreinthesquare.com or call 519-578-1570 for tickets. For more information, please visit the choir website: www.grandphilchoir.com

Easter Season Noon Hour Recital Series
Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 at Church of St. John the Evangelist
23 Water St. North, Kitchener
April 9th Barrie Cabena
April 16th Jan Overduin
April 23rd Peter Nikiforuk
April 30 Ian Sadler
May 7th Martin Jongsma
May 14th Marlin Nagtegaal

Lenten Bible Study with Bishop Dance *By Matt Gardner*
The Rt. Rev. Terry Dance, Bishop of Norfolk in the Diocese of Huron and a member of JALC, prepared the study for Lent during a sabbatical to help church members engage with each other and the biblical text while providing guidance to ministry in their own lives. "This study is designed specifically for a church in the Canadian context, dealing with the kind of issues that we're dealing with," Bishop Dance said.
Sessions begin at 7pm, March 25 - Trinity, Cambridge, April 1 - All Saints, Waterloo

Retirement of Canon Christopher Pratt

News of our rector's retirement has by this time circulated beyond those who heard it at first hand during last week's ten o'clock service. Now that this reality has sunk in, it needs to be simply stated that Christopher will be missed. He has served St John's well in his ten years at the church. During that time his leadership has been exemplary, both within the walls of the sanctuary and without, whether leading services or conducting parish visits or chairing parish council meetings. We are sorry to see Christopher go, and we wish him and Carolyn well as they continue on their journey together.

Let us, however, reserve the fond farewells and the reminiscences for a later time. Christopher is continuing in his role as rector for several months more. He will be conducting services next Sunday and the Sunday after and well past the busy Easter season that is fast approaching. He will be leading us into and through the special Vestry meeting in April on the Renew process. There is much that we must do and much that we must decide about St John's, and Christopher's leadership role now and in the months ahead remains unchanged.

For some in the congregation, Canon Pratt may be the only parish leader they have known. His retirement may augur uncomfortable change. Parishioners of longer duration and broader experience know that the change of rector is an inevitability as certain as Christmas Day falling on December 25, if somewhat less predictable. And as much as a change in rector can produce discomfort, it can also generate excitement and enthusiasm at the prospect of a fresh vision, a new energy, an unforeseen and unimagined realm of possibility for our church.

Change is inevitable. We must accept it. But the basic structure and rhythm of our parish life continues. Whoever our rector is or may be, life will continue at St John's as we worship together, sing together, enjoy fellowship together, and work together in the ministries to which we contribute our time and our talents.

St. John's Renew-All Bible Readings for the week
We encourage you to take the list of daily Bible readings home, and use it as a guide to help you in your daily devotional practice.

Sunday March 22, Mark 8:31-9:1
Monday March 23, John 9:1-17
Tuesday March 24, Psalm 122
Wednesday March 25, Luke 1.26–38
Thursday March 26, Psalm 131
Friday March 27, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-13
Saturday March 28, Jeremiah 31:27-34

*****Go to http://stjohntheevangelistkitchener.blogspot.ca to find reflections submitted by members of our congregation.