ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 10, 2016

Third Sunday in Easter

Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for worshipping 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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Celebrant The Reverend Ross Gill

EUCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The Reverend Paul Kett

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

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn 318 ..... **Rejoice Today with One Accord**

Greeting ..... p. 185

Opening Prayer..... p. 185

Children's Focus

Children's Recessional .....**Glory to God**

Collect for the Day ..... p. 337

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Luke, the author of Acts, has told us that in Jerusalem "Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison." Now we see his great transformation: from persecutor to evangelist. In the early days, Christianity was known as The Way.

First Reading Acts 9:1-6 ..... Ray Dugan

Psalm 30 (sung by choir) ..... p. 739

This book is an inspired picture-book, intended to make a powerful appeal to the reader's imagination. John writes in a style familiar in his time, especially in Jewish circles, but as strange to us as the novel or detective story would be then. A key question at that time was: what will life after death be like?

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14..... Jim Hahn

Gradual Hymn 430:1,2,3.....**Will You Come and Follow Me**

Since his resurrection, Jesus has twice appeared to the disciples in the house where he hosted the Last Supper. Now he appears to seven disciples near the Sea of Galilee. "Tiberias" was the Roman name for the lake.

Gospel Reading..... John 21:1-19

Gradual Hymn 430:4,5.....**Will You Come and Follow Me**

Sermon The Reverend Ross Gill

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The Prayers of the People Frank Millerd

Intercessor: Hear us, O God, **Response: Your mercy is great.**
Confession, Absolution and Exchange of the Peace..... p. 191

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: *Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak. See Luke 24:32*
Offertory Hymn 218 ..... **Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice**
Prayer over the Gifts..... p. 338
Eucharistic Prayer 1..... p. 193
Sanctus/Benedictus ..... Hymnbook 735
Lord's Prayer (music on page 918)..... top of p. 211
Breaking of the Bread 8..... p. 213
Agnus Dei ..... Hymnbook 747

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.

You are invited to receive Prayers for Healing: After you have shared the Sacrament of the Eucharist or received a blessing and would like to receive prayers for healing with the laying on of hands, members of the healing prayer team will pray with you, in confidence, in the meditation space at the back of the church.

Communion Hymn 432 ..... **Jesus Call Us! O'er the Tumult**
Choir Anthem: Lead me, Lord .....S.S. Wesley
Post Communion Prayers ..... p. 338, p.214
Transitional Prayer: **Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new. In this time of transition, fill us with your Spirit, that it might quell our fears, and rekindle our passion to proclaim that Christ is in our midst. Grant us assurance of your healing love, that we may, with wisdom and understanding, continue the best of our past and present ministries. Bless us with vision and hope, that we might discern your will for us in the days to come. And give us the courage to leave behind all that hinders us from becoming the community you call us to be. Amen.**
The Blessing
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Recessional Hymn 345 ..... **The King of Glory, King of Peace**
Dismissal: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Organ Postlude .....
The Postlude is the concluding offering of worship; Those who wish to leave during the Postlude are asked to do so quietly.

If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact Archdeacon Perry.

Interim Transitional Priest
The Venerable Perry Chuipka
Assistant Clergy
The Venerable Ken Cardwell
The Reverend Paul Kett
Theological Students
Matt Kieswetter
John Paul Markides
Churchwardens
Charles Stuart Gillian Westwood Terry Rothwell
Director of Music
Marlin Nagtegaal, BMus., MMus., U.M.
Choral Scholar
Rebecca McKay BMus.
Parish Nurse
Elsie Millerd, RN, BN, DipCS, MTS
Chalice Bearers for April 10 2016
Frank Millerd, Beatrice Orchard, Rick Van Buskirk
Prayer Ministry Intercessors for April 10 2016
Brenda Morrison, Rene Alexander

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK – April 11 – April 17

Tuesday April 12
1:00 p.m. Meditative Prayer – St. Aidan's Chapel

Wednesday April 13
7:30 a.m. Early Eucharist with breakfast
1:30 p.m. Parish Visitors Meeting
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday April 14
12:15 p.m. Noon Hour Organ Recital – Martin Jongsma
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday April 17
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Noon Transitional Ministry Meeting - Lower Parish Hall

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The Prayers of the People – April 10, 2016

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church of Ireland, the Most reverend Dr. Richard Lionel Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland; and for the clergy and people and our mutual mission and ministry.

PRAY for Robert, our Diocesan Bishop and Linda, our elected Co-Adjutor BIshop; for Colin, Archbishop of Ontario; Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; Susan, National Bishop, and Michael, Bishop of the Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. In our Anglican Church of Canada we pray this week for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the Dean, council, and congregations of the Brokenhead Conference of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the people, parishes and clergy of Brant/Norfolk Deanery, and especially this week for St. James, Paris; St. Luke's, Ohsweken; St. Paul's, Sour Springs; and St. Peter's, Osweken.

FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE

PRAY for the Diocese of Amazonia, companion Diocese of the Diocese of Huron. Pray for the Bishop, clergy, and people of that Diocese, for the Cathedral Church of St. Mary. Pray for all who are troubled and fearful, due to violence and theft in Belem. Help us, as a Diocese, to find ways to support and learn from our companions in this Diocese.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KITCHENER

WE PRAY this week for Carla McLennan, Catherine & William McNally, Jim Mighty, Elsie & Frank Millerd and their families.

PRAY for Perry, our Interim Transitional Priest; Matt and John Paul, our theological students; for Ken and Paul, our assisting clergy, and the wardens and lay leaders of our Parish during this time of transition. Pray that we may plan for our future with unity of spirit, and with prayer and purposeful ministry.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, AND THOSE FOR WHOM FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mert Morgan, a gift of the family and Angela Merner, a gift of the family.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

WE PRAY this week for Joan; Sandi; Linda; Isabel; Kyle & family; Devon; Colleen; Pat; Kay; Ted; Tracy; Marlin; Erica; Phil; Maggie.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For a spirit of renewed faith and witness as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

For members of the Transition Team of our parish, as they lead us in reflection and action that will give us new insight and vitality.

For our parish and our Deanery as we offer support to Syrian newcomers. Continue to pray for the young Syrian family that have arrived under our joint sponsorship, and for those who will help them to settle. Pray for the Deanery Refugee steering committee, as they continue to enable the process of refugee resettlement here in the Region of Waterloo. Give thanks for the many who are supporting, both financially and with their time and talents, this resettlement and welcoming programme. Pray also for the government-sponsored individuals and families, that they may find support and acceptance in our community.

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Pulpit Exchanges TODAY we welcome The Reverend Ross Gill, who will lead our 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. services while I am at Holy Trinity leading the 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services.

On April 24, 2016, The Reverend Julie Gill will lead our 10 a.m. service for the ACW Thankoffering, while I am at St. Columba leading their 9:30 a.m. service.

On May 29, 2016, Fr. Don Davidson will lead our 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. services while I am at St. George's of Forest Hill leading the 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.

This is the start of our churches working together & getting to know the clergy. My hope is that we will have other events where the Parishioners can get to know each other from the other Anglican Churches in Kitchener. -- Archdeacon Perry

Health Council Presentation: In Canada, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men will break a bone because of Osteoporosis. Join us after the 10am service, for a presentation by Rachel Prichard about this important subject. All are welcome! A light lunch will be provided.

Get in the Picture Next Sunday, April 17, immediately following the 10 am service we will all gather in front of the nave altar to have a group picture taken. This is for our web site and will show the world what a great group we are. Don't be left out-get in the picture.

REQUIEM EUCHARIST: A special service to remember loved ones who have died recently will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 3pm. If you would like someone especially remembered, please leave the name on the sheet for this purpose which is on the Narthex table or leave a message at the Church office (519-743-0228). A time of refreshment and sharing will follow the service in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

THE TUESDAY EVENING ADULT STUDY GROUP will reconvene on TUESDAY APRIL 19 to continue our study of "Uppity Women of the Bible", which we began last fall. Even if you were not able to be part of the programme last fall, you are welcome to join us for this second installment. We meet in the Fireside Room on the lower level, from 7 to 8:30 pm each Tuesday evening.
The programme will run for five weeks. Entrance is by the Duke Street entrance. Please consider joining us for this informative and enjoyable time together.
For more information, please speak to the Reverend Paul Kett.

Parking During Construction Members are reminded that Sunday parking is available in the WLU Social Work lot on College between Weber and Duke. Since College is one way in that block access is from Weber. Free parking is also available on Sundays under city hall: garage entrance on Young Street which may be accessed from King Street.

ACW Sunday April 24th

The service on Sunday, April 24th will celebrate the ministry of St. John's ACW. Members will participate in the service and Rev. Julia Gill, from St. Columba, Waterloo will preach about her faith journey and her thoughts the changing role of women in the church. Our annual Thankoffering will also be collected during the offering.

The Thankoffering is a project of Anglican Church Women – a very special and personal way in which we say "Thank You" for our many blessings. It is a way of contributing to our Outreach beyond the Parish – to the Church Life in Canada and the World. It is only in sharing that which we have that we receive.

Please use the envelope provided in your mailbox for your Thankoffering gift. A small offering from each one of us becomes one substantial and enabling expression of gratitude for benefits received. Our offering will be presented to the Diocese at the A.C.W. Annual meeting in London on April 30th.

HE DID IT! At noon last Sunday Simon Guthrie completed his gruelling 12 hour bicycle ride. Congratulations Simon!

This was not casual peddling; this was being challenged by videos of actual races. Simon had to keep pace with the race leaders. Appropriately called the Sufferfest Challenge. By completing this challenge Simon now has earned the right to be a Knight of Sufferlandia.

This was all done to raise funds for the transportation needs of our two Deanery-sponsored refugee families for one year. We and the rest of the region's Anglican churches are well towards our goal of $7000. We at St John's have raised over $3000 to date ourselves. There is still time to make donations. Donate by cash or cheque payable to St. John's. Please note "Simon's Ride" on the memo line of the cheque.

Thank you Simon!

On Sunday May1/16 please join us in the Upper Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service to help us celebrate this important fundraising success.

Huron Church Camp: It's hard to believe that it's time again to start thinking about Huron Church Camp. As St. John's ACW has done for many years, we will, once again, be collecting supplies for them. If you are interested in contributing arts and crafts supplies, their Wish List can be found on the Narthex table. Items may be placed in the labelled box under the table in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your contribution. If you have any questions, please speak to Nancy Chittick or Sandra Roy.

Fundscrip: The Next Fundscrip Order will take place TODAY Sunday April 10, 2016. Questions may be directed to fundscrip@stjohn316.com or by calling the Parish Office.

Eastertide in Church School: The Easter news was told by the Disciples to anyone who would listen. This news was spread quickly from people to people. Today we will learn about trusting in Jesus and Abundance. The Disciples were fishing, they fished all night and caught nothing. A figure standing on the shore called out to them and told them to put their nets down on the other side of their boat. They followed the instructions and to their surprise the nets became full with fish. We will fish for the messages of Jesus!

Easter Season Noon Hour Recital Series Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 at St. John’s; April 14-Martin Jongsma; April 21-Peter Nikiforuk; April 28-Kevin Lee; May 5- Marlin Nagtegaal

WEEKLY MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Every Sunday, memorial flowers are donated by parishioners in memory of a loved one or loved ones. This year, there are several Sundays (January 24, January 31, February 7, March 20, April 17, July 17, July 31, August 28, October 30, November 6, December 18) where no memorial flowers have been designated. Should you wish to provide memorial flowers on any of the Sundays indicated above, please contact the church office. Many thanks.

ON EAGLES' WINGS The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published next Sunday, April 17. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Paul Millerd, by Thursday, April 14 for this forthcoming issue. You may send items to Paul by email paulmillerd@hotmail.com, or simply drop them off in the OEW mailbox in the narthex.

Easter in Leipzig: Spiritus Ensemble performs Easter music by J.S. Bach TODAY Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. Cantatas 4, 6 and 66. Soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Bud Roach and David Roth; Kenneth Hull conducting. Adults $25, Seniors $20, Post-secondary students $15, High school and children $5. www.spiritusensemble.com

Walk with Me: Family Caregiver Panel Tuesday, April 12, 2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph's Health Centre, 100 Westmount Rd., Guelph. Sponsored by Alzheimer Society of Waterloo Wellington and St. Joseph's Health Centre. See the poster on Health News bulletin board in the Upper Parish Hall for more details. Register to save a seat for this free presentation at 519-8836-7672.

A Service of Celebration and Welcoming for the Right Rev'd Linda Nicholls, Coadjutor Bishop of Huron will take place on Saturday, April 16th at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, London @ 1:00 pm. Clergy are invited to vest, the colour being white. There will be a light reception after the service in the Great Hall. Bishop Linda will officially join the Diocesan Office on May 1st, 2016.

Hot Topics in Mental Health and Faith: A full-day educational conference for faith leaders, congregation members and caregivers with keynote speakers on topics of 'Liability Issues in Mental Healthcare' and 'Mental Illness vs. Demonization.' Saturday, April 30th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Tyndale University College and Seminary in Toronto. See the poster on the Health News bulletin board in the Upper Parish Hall for more information.