

ORDER OF SERVICE
Reign of Christ
November 21 2021



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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EUCCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Voluntary in D Major - John Stanley

The Procession and Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,
All **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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 378

Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the collect. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from Revelation 1:4b-8.

The lesson is read.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 132:1-13

Lord, remember David,
 and all the hardships he endured;
How he swore an oath to the Lord
 and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
“I will not come under the roof of my house,
 nor climb up into my bed;
I will not allow my eyes to sleep,
 nor let my eyelids slumber;
Until I find a place for the Lord,
 a dwelling for the Might One of Jacob.”
“The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;
 we found it in the fields of Jearim.
Let us go to God’s dwelling place;
 let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”
Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,
 you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
 let your faithful people sing with joy.
For your servant David’s sake,
 do not turn away the face of your anointed.
The Lord has sworn an oath to David;
 in truth, he will not break it:
“A son, the fruit of your body
 will I sit upon your throne.
If your children keep my covenant
 and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
 their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 18:33-37.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons

A silence for reflection follows.

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again

to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor will bid the prayers. The congregation responds:

Reader God, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

The presider bids the confession.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have
sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The presider gives absolution.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory

Please use the plate near the entrance for your offering now, or at the end of the service.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (arr Stephen Cleobury)

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son ...

... Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 689

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise ...
... All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God

Hymn 690

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Communion

Please line up for communion, at a safe distance, in the centre aisle. After approaching the ministrant, hold out your hands, being careful not to touch hands. The ministrant will drop the bread in your hand. Once you've received the bread in your hand: step aside, remove your mask, eat the bread, replace your mask, and make your way back to your seat by the side aisle.

Hymn 84

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
though alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, thou are here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there time angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, We in worship join with them.
4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.
5. Life imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the prayer after communion. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Parish Notices

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people. The people respond, saying,

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fanfare

William Mathias

Parish Announcements and Events

With deep regret the wardens have accepted Rebecca McKay's resignation as our Administrative Assistant. Rebecca has been serving the St John's community in that role for nearly four years. We will miss her vibrant spirit in the office and her efficient management of the never-ending day-to-day office activities. We wish her well going forward, and she will be greatly missed.

OEW (November Issue) The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, November 28th. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie (sarah.guthrie@gmail.com) by end-of-day Tuesday, November 23rd.

Pudding Factory Thank you so much to everyone who came out to help with the Pudding Factory. We had many wonderful helpers in the church and supporting us from all over! Please find a more complete list of the many ways in which the Pudding Factory has been supported this year printed in the church after the service.

Note Cards Dede Boulden, a former member of St. John's and now a member of our remote congregation, has kindly created watercolor note cards in two sizes (5x7 or 4.25x5.5) as a fund raiser for our ACW. Add your personal message to these beautiful cards for a birthday, anniversary, thank you, thinking of you and more. The cost is just \$10 for the larger one and \$7 and \$5 for the smaller ones depending on the painting or one of each size for \$20. The cards will be available at coffee hour following the 10 am service. You can also order by contacting Jennifer Uttley at 519-578-6052 or emailing acw@stjohn316.com.

Truck Needed In our ongoing effort to declutter the church, the Property Committee would like to borrow a pick-up truck

or trailer for a Saturday clean up. If you have, or know of someone who has a truck or trailer please talk to Dave Sapelak. Email: dbsapelak@gmail.com or phone: (519)577-5713

Monica Place: For more than 50 years, Monica Place has been providing a residence, supportive housing, training and counselling to young mothers and their babies.

St. John's has been making an annual donation to Monica Place for many years. In this year of Covid restrictions, the opportunity to make in person contributions at the church is limited but if you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile organization, there are options available.

- 1) If you would like to donate a gift card, please leave it in the church office. Place it in an envelope and drop it through the office door mail slot. Please clearly label that it is for Monica Place and write the dollar amount on the card.
- 2) If you are attending Sunday services, you could give it to the warden on duty to be placed in the office ACW mail slot.
- 3) If you'd prefer to make a financial donation, make the cheque out to Monica Place. A tax receipt will be sent to you. Alternatively, you can donate through the Canada Helps website. Donating this way will give you a tax receipt at the time of donation.

Please note

- Gift cards from local grocery/ drugstores, Walmart are popular. Indicate dollar amount on the card.
- Donations will be accepted until Nov. 28.

For more details about Monica Place, please see the latest edition of On Eagles Wings.

Poinsettias for Christmas 2021 There are still a few days left to order your poinsettias. Please do consider supporting St. John's through this fundraiser. And for those who may be worried about having poinsettias in the house along with pets and children, recent research indicates that their toxicity has been much overstated. It turns out that poinsettias, cats, and kids can safely mingle!

Poinsettias make wonderful gifts and lend themselves to donating to the church in memory of loved ones for Christmas decorating. Any memorial donations will be noted in the Christmas bulletin with both "In memory of" and "Donated by." And don't forget to tell your extended family and friends about this fundraiser in the days that remain.

To order please call either Andrea Balfour (519-501-2016) or Nik Ward-Campbell (519-501-0456) and use Visa or Mastercard to pay. The cut-off date for ordering is Sunday, November 21. You will also be able to order in person and pay at the church following next Sunday's service. The plants are available in four different sizes and three different colours – red, white, and pink. Sizes and prices are:

4½" pots	\$ 8.00
6½" pots	\$15.00
8" pots	\$25.00
10" pots	\$35.00

Jean's Baking Short Bread Again Jean will be baking right up until the week of Christmas. They are offering delivery. The price is \$5 a dozen. Orders can be placed with Jean at 519-390-0213

Office Hours Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9am to noon. We are working both from the office as well as from home. Please contact the office ahead of time if you need to visit.

Donation Options There are many ways you can continue your contributions to St. John's

1. Send weekly envelopes in the mail. You can send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. North Kitchener ON N2H 5A4
2. Drop off cash donations to the office through the mail slot in the office door. Write your name on the envelope!
3. Have an Errand Buddy pick up your donation.
4. Sign up for, or make changes to your DEFT by contacting the office at giving@stjohn316.com)
5. Donate Online through Canada Helps by credit card. You can set up recurring, or one time donations. Canada Helps takes 3.75% but also provides the tax receipt directly to you and provides a donation report to us! <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48510>

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons
Reader	Alice Croft
Tech Support	Mohan Thomas
Organist	Corinne Dutton
Singers	Claire Smith, Deb Sheach James Brown, Angus Sheach, Andrea Balfour

If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact The Rector, Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons rector@stjohn316.com or leave a message with the office at 519-743-0228. In case of emergencies you can contact him at 519-573-7797

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