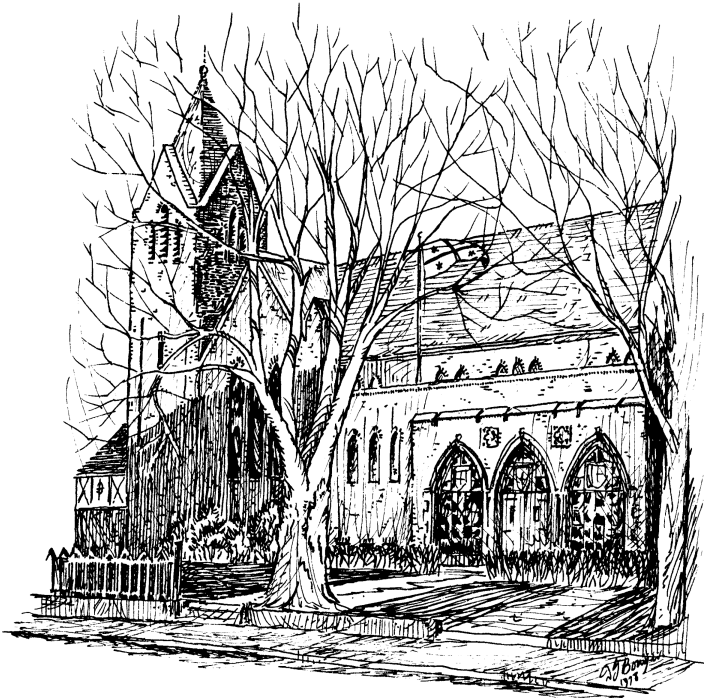


ORDER OF SERVICE
First Sunday of Advent
November 28 2021



**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

Prelude Es ist ein ros entsprungen Johann Brahms
Meditation on "Conditor Alme" Alec Rowley

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our
ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of
faith and to journey in the hope of your
promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to
your call and be ready and watchful to receive
your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our
path; for you are our light and our salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The 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 114

Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierce, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

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 Jeremiah. (33:14-16)

The lesson is read.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke. (21:25-36)

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 Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

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.*

This is the Truth Sent From Above Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son.

And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

Traditional English Carol

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 694

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

<i>Presider</i>	The gifts of God, for the people of God.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

Hymn 701

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 administrant, hold out your hands, being careful not to touch hands. The administrant 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.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you need one, please let the administrant know when you come up for communion.

Hymn 96

Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near, its evening hour,
thou didst in love's redeeming power,
like bridegroom from his chamber,
come forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

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 Wacht Auf (Sleepers Awake) J.S. Bach
Sarah Cardwell, Organist

Music Notes

One of the traditional sounds of the season of Advent is the plainsong melody “Conditor Alme Siderum”, a seventh century hymn we sing as “Creator of the Stars of Night”. This morning we will sing it during communion. The organ preludes this morning, and on the following three Sundays of Advent, will be arrangements of this tune by four different composers, beginning this morning with English composer Alec Rowley (1892-1958).

Also during Advent we are using a different setting of the service music (the Sanctus or Holy, Holy and the Agnus Dei or Lamb of God). Our setting is the Mass of St Denis, composed by one of St John’s former Directors of Music, Barrie Cabena, one of Canada’s eminent living composers.

Parish Announcements and Events

Altar Flowers The flowers on the Altar are given in memory of Leslie Ormston from her loving boys, Derek and Michael.

Advent Worship Services Please plan to join us at any, or all, of our Worship services throughout the coming weeks. Services marked with an asterisk (*) will not be livestreamed.

- December 19
 - Lessons & Carols at 4pm
 - Lessons & Carols at 7pm
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
 - Family Christmas Celebration at 4pm *
 - Christmas Eve at 7pm and 10pm
- December 25 - Christmas Day
 - Christmas Service at 10am *

On Eagles' Wings The current issue of On Eagles' Wings is available as you leave.

Sunday Parking Free parking is available on Sundays in the lot behind the WLU School of Social Work. The gravel lot beside the church is private and you may be ticketed (\$25). Please keep the Duke Street parking for people with accessibility permits and as a drop-off point at the Duke Street entrance.

Weekly Bible Study The Tuesday morning Bible study group meets via Zoom every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. On November 23 we begin reading the gospel according to Luke, focussing each week on the portion of Luke that will be read during the coming Sunday's Eucharist. We try to consider both how Luke was understood by the readers of his own time as well as what the gospel may be saying to us today. You are welcome to join at any time. To join us or for more information, contact our facilitator, Ken Hull at krhull@uwaterloo.ca or after the service on Sundays.

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.

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>

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Reader	Nik Ward-Campbell
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton

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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