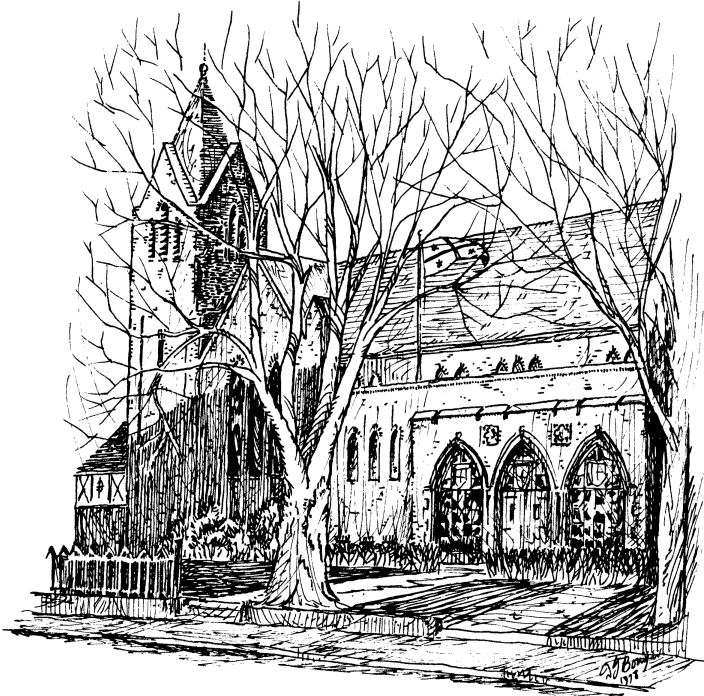


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8th, 2022**



**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**                      **Sonata in F minor: second movement**  
*L. Van Beethoven*

**Processional Hymn 520**                      **The King of Love**  
**My Shepherd Is**

*The congregation sings verses 1, 3, and 4; the choir sings verse 2 alone.*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

#### **The Greeting**

*Celebrant*      Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People*              **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant*      May his grace and peace be with you.

*People*              **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant*      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.**

#### **Gloria**

*The service continues with the Gloria on the setting card.*

#### **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*              Let us pray.

*The community prays silently. The presider then says the collect.*

*People*      **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30*

### **First Reading**

*Reader*      A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader*      Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23**

*Sung by the choir.*

### **Second Reading**

*Reader*      A reading from the Book of Revelation.

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader*      Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Alleluia 709**

*Choir*      Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All*      **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Choir*      I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

*All*      **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **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.

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

*The Gospel is read.*

*Presider* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

The Revd 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 bids the prayers.*

*Intercessor* 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 Peace**

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

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory**

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

### **Offertory Hymn 310**

**Sing praise to God  
Who Reigns Above**

*The congregation sings verses 1, 3 & 4; the choir sings verse 2  
alone.*

## Prayer over the Gifts

*The presider says a prayer over the offerings.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

### Sursum Corda

*The celebration of the Eucharist continues with the Sursum Corda on the setting card.*

*After the Sursum Corda, the eucharistic prayer continues:*

*Presider*      Blessed are you, gracious God,  
                      creator of heaven and earth...  
                      ... to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

*We sing together the Sanctus on the setting card.*

*After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:*

*Presider*      We give thanks to you, Lord our God ...  
                      Therefore, father, according to his command,

*People*        **we remember his death,**  
                      **we proclaim his resurrection,**  
                      **we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*      and we offer our sacrifice of praise and  
                      thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;  
                      ... all honour and glory are yours, almighty  
                      Father, now and for ever.

*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 Invitation**

*Presider*      The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*We sing together the Agnus Dei on the setting card.*

## **Communion**

*Please line up for communion, keeping social distancing, in the centre aisle. After approaching the ministrant, hold out your hands cupped upwards. 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. Please let the ministrant know if you need a gluten free wafer.*

## **Communion Hymn 85**

## **Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless**

*The congregation sings verses 1, 3 & 4; the choir sings verse 2 alone.*

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently. The presider then says the prayer after communion.*

*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. Alleluia!**

## **Closing Hymn 630**

**You, Lord,  
Are Both Lamb and Shepherd**

*The congregation sings verses 1,3 & 4; the choir sings verse 2 alone.*

## **Postlude**

**Concerto in B Minor: first movement**  
*Walther*



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## Parish Notices

### Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the Altar are given in memory of Loved Ones, a gift of Mindy Hurley and Marie Peacock and family.

### Baptism Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation will be taking place on the 14th, the 21st, and the 28th in the Fireside Room at St. John's at 1:30pm with a plan for baptisms on Pentecost Sunday. Anyone who is interested, please contact the office ([church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com)) or the rector ([rector@stjohn316.com](mailto:rector@stjohn316.com))

### Racial Diversity Training Workshop

The Deanery of Waterloo is hosting a Racial Diversity Training Workshop on June 11th from 9am-5pm at St. James Anglican Church, Cambridge. The cost is \$25.00 per person, and lunch will be provided. This one day workshop will be led by Bernadette Arthur (she/her), an experienced trainer, facilitator, and consultant in the areas of anti-racism, Biblical reconciliation and asset-based community development. To register, contact Preston or the office.

### Spiritus Ensemble Concert

Psalms and Solace: Spiritus Ensemble performs Faure's *Requiem* and Handel's *My song shall be alway* on Sunday May 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Queen St North, Kitchener. Tickets are available from Eventbrite and at the door. Double vaxxing and masking are required.

### DaCapo Chamber Choir Concerts this Weekend

The concert *Dear Mother Earth* is happening on Saturday May 7th, 7pm and Sunday May 8th, 3pm at Trillium Lutheran Church, Waterloo. All tickets are pay-what-you can and MUST be reserved in advance. There will be NO tickets available at the door. Reservations close at midnight the night before each performance. Tickets can be reserved [online](#) or by calling 519-725-7549.

## **Prayer in the Park**

Please come and connect with Christians of all denominations and pray. How will God respond if we humble ourselves and pray? What will happen if we come together and pray blessings over Waterloo Region? What will God call us to do to serve Him as His people in Waterloo Region? How can we keep praying everyday?

Please join us on Sunday June 5th from 1:30pm to 4:30pm in Victoria Park (Kitchener) by the clock tower.

## **Menno Singers Concert**

Join Menno Singers and director Brandon Leis for its first in-person concert in over 2 years on Saturday May 14 at 7:30pm at First United Church, Waterloo (16 William Street, Waterloo). The concert is by donation to support the MCC Ukraine Emergency Response Fund. Masks Required. [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)

## **All Party Provincial Election Forum on Climate Justice in the Waterloo Region**

The Climate Justice Working Group of the Faculty Association of UW are hosting an in-person and online gathering of discussion and debate on climate justice leading up to the Ontario General Election. The event will be held on Wednesday May 18th from 7-9pm in STC 1012 at the UW main campus at 200 University Ave. For more details, and to register, use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/election-forum-on-climate-justice-waterloo-region-in-person-and-online-tickets-321767935557>

## **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](mailto: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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In case of emergencies you can contact the on-call  
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