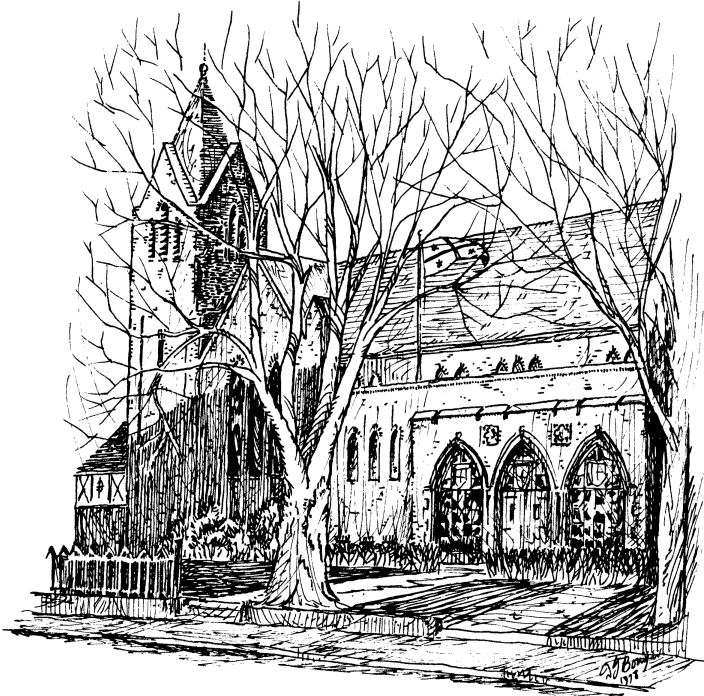


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**The Naming of Jesus**  
**January 1, 2023**



**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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## Prelude

**Processional Hymn**  
*Common Praise 143*

**Angels, From the  
Realms of Glory**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### The Gathering of the Community

#### 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 of Praise

**Gloria**  
William Mathias

#### 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

Numbers 6:22-27  
Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 8  
Luke 2:15-21

## First Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 8

PSALM 8

Hal H. Hopson

O Lord, our God, your name is  
glo - ri - ous in all the earth.

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## Second Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

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

*The Gospel is read.*

*Presider* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

*A silence for reflection follows.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Presider*        Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All                **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The intercessor bids the prayers.*

*Intercessor* God, of grace,  
*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 offers absolution.*

## The Peace

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

*People*          **And also with you.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn

*Common Praise 375*

**At the Name  
Of Jesus**

### Prayer over the Gifts

*The presider says a prayer over the offerings.*

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Sursum Corda

*Music on pew card*

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

### Sanctus

William Mathias

*Music on pew 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 ...  
... all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*          **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Alternative Services page 918*

## **The Fraction**

*The presider breaks the bread.*

## **Agnus Dei**

William Mathias

*Music on pew card*

## **The Invitation**

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

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Communion**

### **Communion Hymn**

*Common Praise 148*

**See Amid  
the Winter's Snow**

## **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.*

## Recessional Hymn

*Common Praise 154*

## Joy to the World

## Dismissal

*The presider dismisses the people.*

*All*                      **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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**We thank the following people for assisting with worship**

**Altar Guild**

**Tech Support**

Mohan Thomas

**Greeters**

Eli Boich

Marilyn Malton

**Organist**

Kenneth Hull

**Preacher**

The Revd Eileen Scully

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**Reader**

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**Intercessor**

Andrea Balfour

**Chalice Bearers**

Paul Schaffelburg

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**Warden on Duty**

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## Parish Notices

**The Christmas Memorial Flowers** Are given by members of the congregation to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of family and friends and in gratitude for many Blessings.

**8am Holy Communion** Our monthly BCP Holy Communion service will take place at 8am on the 8th of January this month.

**My Christmas Offering** St John's has a long tradition of special Festival Offerings during the seasons of Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas. If you would like to participate in this offering, My Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the Church Office and at the Advent and Christmas services. If you are not able to come into the Church but would like to write a cheque please note My Christmas Offering in the memo line of the cheque.

**The Deanery of Waterloo Refugee Committee** is happy to say that we have applied to bring a family of four to Canada. They are currently living in Sudan, but the Mum and Dad came from Eritrea a number of years ago, and both children, a little girl, 8 and a little boy, 6, were born in Sudan. The parents both have some English, so this will help them when they get here.

We have some good leads on accommodation and hope to have that settled in January. We can expect the family to arrive in the new year - perhaps between January and March, but we will not know till closer to the time.

**Parking at City Hall** The parking garage at Kitchener City Hall is open again and is FREE on Sundays. It's a great winter alternative since it is heated, and you don't have to clear snow off your vehicle. Enter off Young Street.

**Duke Street Parking** If you are mobile and/or able to walk a few steps, do consider leaving the parking spaces by the Duke Street accessible doors for people with mobility impairments. There is plenty of parking nearby at the School of Social Work and the City Hall parking, both of which are free on Sundays. Thank you for this consideration.

**Church Office Hours** Normal Parish Administrator hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-2pm. On occasion these hours may need to be adjusted, so please do call ahead of time if you need to drop by the Church office.

**Announcement Deadlines** Going forward we are asking that any announcement requests for the Weekly Check-in are submitted by Wednesday at 10:30A.M. and for the Sunday Bulletin are submitted by Thursday morning at 10:30A.M. Please continue to email your announcements to [church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com). Thank you for your understanding!

**Zoom Bible Study Adjourned** The Tuesday morning Zoom Bible Study has adjourned for the holiday season. It will resume on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023.

**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.

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*If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact The Rector, Reverend Dr Preston Parsons [rector@stjohn316.com](mailto:rector@stjohn316.com) or leave a message with the office at 519-743-0228. In case of emergencies, you can contact the on-call pastor at 519-743-0228 ext. 6.*

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