

**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 12, 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

**La Grâce**  
Telemann

## Processional Hymn

*Common Praise 59*

**Jesus Calls Us  
Here to Meet Him**

## 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

*Music on pew card*

**Gloria**  
William Mathias

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*The community prays silently.*  
*The presider then prays the Collect.*

*People* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalms 119:1-8; 1  
Matthew 5:21-37

## First Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 119

George Black



## Second Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Common Praise 711*

## The Gospel

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*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 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*    Merciful God,  
*People*            receive 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**

### **God Whose Giving**

*Common Praise 601*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*The presider prays over the offerings.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Music on pew card*

*Presider*      We give you thanks and praise ...  
                  ... to proclaim the glory of your name.

### **Settling of the Eucharist**

William Mathias

*Music on pew card*

*After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:*

*Presider*      Holy and gracious God ...  
                  ... now and for ever.  
*People*        **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Alternative Services p. 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 Hymn**

*Common Praise 374*

**Alleluia!**

**Sing to Jesus**

## **Communion Anthem**

**O Taste and See**

Vaughan Williams

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

*The presider then prays 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 357*

## Let All the World

## Dismissal

*The presider dismisses the people.*

All                      **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Prelude to a Te Deum

Charpentier

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

### **Altar Guild**

### **Tech Support**

### **Greeters**

### **Preacher**

### **Presider**

### **Servers**

### **Reader**

### **Intercessor**

### **Chalice Bearers**

### **Warden on Duty**

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Sharon Woodley

Eleanor Brown

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## Parish Notices

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given in loving memory of Dorothy Dunkley, a gift of her family.

**Blessing Song** We will sing the blessing song to celebrate February Birthdays and Anniversaries on Sunday February 12th during the coffee hour after the service. If you wish you may send Karen an email, [ksunabacka@gmail.com](mailto:ksunabacka@gmail.com) and state whether it is a birthday or anniversary and any other details of the celebration you wish Karen to share with the congregation.

**Come to the Table upcoming dates** March 4, April 8 (Easter weekend), May 6. 4pm. All are welcome to this family oriented communion service and meal afterwards. We are always looking for volunteers to do set-up, clean-up, and to prepare the meal. Contact Mary Neil at [marytneil@gmail.com](mailto:marytneil@gmail.com).

**Our monthly 8am BCP** will take place on the 2nd Sunday in February in order to best facilitate everyone's participation in the Vestry Meeting. So for our 8am BCP service, mark the 12th of February in your calendars.

**Every Thursday during Lent!** Free organ recitals starting at 12:15 here at St. John's! Hear 2 fine instruments and guest soloists! Tell your friends and come hear great music played and sung by great artists!

**Palm Crosses!** Over the next few Sundays before Lent, we will be collecting your old palms and/or palm crosses from previous Palm Sundays. We will burn these palms for use at the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Simply put them on the table up the stairs from the Duke Street entrance for collection.

**ASK THE BISHOP** February 15 at 6:00pm, in person + virtual! Do you have questions about faith? The church? What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in today's world? You are invited to join Bishop Todd for an evening of conversation guided by what's on your mind. Participate in the discussion either in-person at Huron Church House or virtually on Zoom. RSVP by February 14 for in-person



attendance or for the Zoom link to the Rev. Sarah Armstrong, [sarmstrong@huron.anglican.ca](mailto:sarmstrong@huron.anglican.ca).

**“The Passion According to Luke”** will take place at Trinity, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener, on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 2pm, with a choir rehearsal beginning at 1pm that day.

Like our traditional “Lessons and Carols” service, a Good Friday choral service has often been a meaningful part of worship during Holy Week, at Trinity. This year, we would like to extend a warm invitation to any local chorister who would like to sing with us, as we add our voices to the narration of St. Luke’s Passion. As a choir, we truly believe that joining together in song is the ultimate way of connection, not only with one another, but with God.

We would love to have any United Church choir member or singer from the wider community participate in this most sacred service. If you are interested, please RSVP Trinity at [office@trinityunitedkw.ca](mailto:office@trinityunitedkw.ca) no later than March 1st, so that we can provide final rehearsal details and have music ready for each singer. If you have musical questions, our leader/accompanist, Gord Allgeier ( [gallgeier@hotmail.com](mailto:gallgeier@hotmail.com) ) or I ( [hayhayk13@gmail.com](mailto:hayhayk13@gmail.com) ) will be happy to respond.

**Monica Place** has been providing a residence to pregnant and parenting youth for 50 years. The service has grown to now include supportive housing, counselling and training. St. John’s ACW (Anglican Church Women) has been supporting Monica Place annually through both financial and material contributions. Once again, you are invited to donate new items or gift cards to help these new moms and their babies. Some suggested items include pull-ups, diapers, wipes, teething/bath toys or sleep sacks. Gift cards (\$10-\$50) for Shoppers Drug Mart, Food Basics or Walmart. A more complete list can be found in the January edition of On Eagles Wings. A labelled bin for collection of items will be in the Narthex. Gift cards\* or checks (made out to Monica

Place) should be placed in the ACW mail slot in the church office.

\*Please indicate the dollar amount on the gift card.

Donations will be accepted until Sunday February 19.

## **2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES –**

**KITCHENER – FRIDAY MARCH 3RD** The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada ([www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Kitchener on Friday, March 3rd, 2023. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Taiwan, with the theme, "I Have Heard About Your Faith".

### There are four ways that you can participate:

You can watch the video on Rogers Cable channel 20 on Friday, March 3rd, at

8:30 AM or 5 PM (still to be confirmed, but probable)

Or

You can join a Zoom viewing session, followed by a discussion and prayer session hosted by the following church:

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7PM

([office.coordinator@standrewskw.com](mailto:office.coordinator@standrewskw.com))

(please email the church directly before March 2nd, to get the zoom link)

Or

You can attend the in-person service at

St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church - Friday, March

3rd, 10 AM (or by livestream) ([stgeorgefh@outlook.com](mailto:stgeorgefh@outlook.com))

assisted by St. Matthews Lutheran, St. Anne's Catholic, St. Andrews Presbyterian and other churches.

Or

You can go directly to [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org) and view the video at any time or join the NATIONAL online WDP 2023 service on Saturday, March 4th at 1 pm EST. Breakout rooms before and after the service will give us a chance to "catch up", talk and share our thoughts. To join this service, and receive the Zoom link, please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/national-world-day-of-prayer-2023-virtual-service-tickets-517837414647>

All donations this year should be made directly to WICC at their website or mailed to:

*Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada*

*47 Queen's Park Crescent East*

*Toronto, ON M5S 2C3*

*Thank you, Shirley Gosselin, Chair World Day of Prayer  
(Kitchener Region)*

*Csgosselin17@gmail.com or 519-742-3248*

**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.

**Church Office Hours** Normal Parish Administrator hours are 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** announcement requests for the Weekly Check-in must be submitted by Wednesday at 10:30A.M. Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin must be 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.

**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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***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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