

**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 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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## Preludes

## Adagio (Concerto in a minor)

Vivaldi/Bach

## Largo in D

Vivaldi/Wolff

## Processional Hymn

*Sing a New Creation 3*

## Come and Find the Quiet Centre

# The Gathering of the Community

## The Greeting

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

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

*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

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

## First Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Word of God. Word of life.

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

## Psalm 66:8-20

**(Anglican Chant)**

## Second Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Word of God. Word of life.

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

## Gospel Alleluia

*Common Praise 709*

## 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

*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*    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 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**

*Sing a New Creation 26*

**Deep the Snows On  
God's High Mountain**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*The presider prays over the offerings.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*The prayer begins with the Sursum Corda on the pew card.*

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

### **Sanctus**

MacMillan

*After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:*

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

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

*Presider*      and we offer our sacrifice ...

... almighty Father, 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**

MacMillan

## **The Invitation**

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

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

## **Communion Hymn**

*Sing a New Creation 163*

## **We Sing a Love That Sets All People Free**

## **Anthem**

*Text: St. John 14:15-16*

## **If Ye Love Me**

Tallis

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Presider*        Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

*The presider then prays the prayer after  
communion.*

*People*            **Amen.**

*Presider*  
*All*

Glory to God,  
**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

*Sing a New Creation 55*

### Our Wars and Tumults Now Must Cease

### Dismissal

*The presider dismisses the people.*

*All*                    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

**Allegro**  
(Concerto in a minor)

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

**Altar Guild**

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## Parish Notices

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

**Week at a Glance** here are the events for this coming week

### Tuesday, May 16

Zoom Bible Study 11:00a.m.

### Wednesday, May 17

Youngish Adults - Fireside 7:30p.m.

### Thursday, May 18

Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:15p.m.

### Saturday, May 20

Baptism Preparation - Fireside 10:30a.m.

### Sunday, May 21

Sunday Worship 10:00a.m.

**Many thanks** to all who made the Hat Auction and Afternoon Tea such a success. So many helped in so many ways raising funds for our outreach and the parish while having fun and fellowship.

**10th Waterloo Scouts** are collecting gently used towels (hand, bath, etc), plates, bowls and mugs for the Better Tent City. Until May 28, 2023. We will put a box in the Narthex for donations. If you need us to pick up please email Jennifer and William at [jennlevbird@gmail.com](mailto:jennlevbird@gmail.com)

**Ascension Day Evening Prayer:** A joint Deanery of Waterloo service Thursday, May 18, 7:00 PM at St. George's of Forest Hill (321 Fischer-Hallman Rd., Kitchener). Given that it falls on a weekday we often miss observing this important Principal Feast of the Church year. So let's intentionally gather on this special night for a service officiated by Matthew Kieswetter (St. Andrew's) with a homily



by Cheryl Highmore (Trinity), incorporating readers and musicians/singers from across the Deanery of Waterloo. It will include the singing of the Great Litany, the 1544 version having been the first English language rite developed by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer during the English Reformation. Light refreshments will follow the liturgy.

**Do you know anyone** who is passionate about the work of PWRDF - including yourself! - who would add value and has expertise in International Development? The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund seeks your help in nominating members for its Board of Directors. The official call for nominations can be found at <https://pwrdf.org/call-for-nominations-2/>. Forms are to be completed for sent to Anya Palmer at [apalmer@pwrdf.org](mailto:apalmer@pwrdf.org) by May 26, 2023, at 5pm EDT.

**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.

**Office Hours** Normal parish office hours are 8:30A.M. to 1:30P.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. These hours do fluctuate on occasion so please call or email to set up an appointment if you need to come into the office. Thank you!

**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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