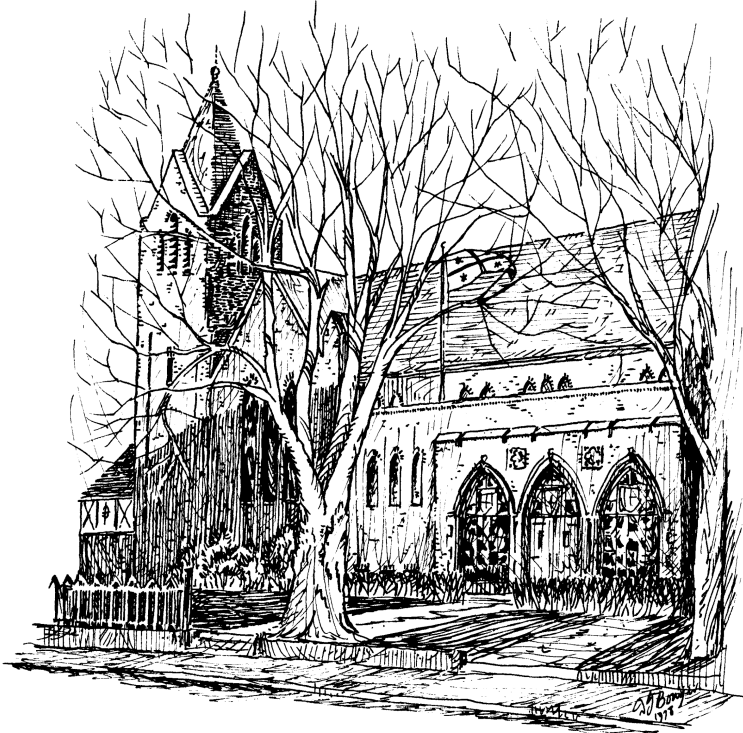


HOLY EUCHARIST
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 10, 2023



**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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EUCCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Book of Alternative Services

Prelude

Sleepers, Wake!

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn

Common Praise 599

**Awake! Awake!
Fling Off the Night**

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.**

Act of Praise

(Music on pew card)

Gloria

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

Exodus 12:1-14
Romans 13:8-14

Psalm 149
Matthew 18:15-20

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149

Anglican Chant

Second Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Common Praise 708

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 gathers the community for prayer:

In a wondrous and perilous world infused with God's grace, we are drawn together in the compassion of God, and so we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence allows for people to prepare. The intercessor continues ...

We hear “God, in your mercy,” and respond, “**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

Sing a New Creation 2

Longing for Light

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider prays over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things ...
... to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Mathias

(Music on pew card)

Presider Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise ...
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection...
... all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

The presider breaks the bread.

Agnus Dei

Mathias

(Music on pew card)

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If you would prefer a gluten free wafer, come forward and let a server or the priest know before you receive.

Communion Hymn

Common Praise 84

**Lord, Enthroned
in Heavenly Splendor**

Communion Anthem

**I Give You a New
Commandment**

Aston

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 318

**Rejoice Today
with One Accord**

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

Original Version

We thank the following people for assisting with worship

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Week at a Glance

Thursday, September 14

Choir Rehearsal (7pm)

Sunday, September 17

Sunday Worship (10am)

Cam-Ying/Muoi-Lu We are planning a celebration of Cam-Ying's life, when prayers will be said during the service on Sunday October 15th. Her family from the United States will be with us at that time. There will be a reception to follow during Coffee Hour.

The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, September 17th. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie (sarah.guthrie@gmail.com) by the end-of-day Tuesday, April 12th.

The climate crisis deepens. In early December, world leaders will gather at the UN climate conference in Dubai (UN COP 28) to set commitments to try to limit further

climate change. In response, our community will host weekly climate vigils in the lead-up to this event, where the decisions made will greatly influence our global trajectory and our common future. Join us for gatherings of grief and hope. Grief for all persistent inaction on climate. And hope to know that all is not lost. Time is running out but we can still act, for a far safer climate future.

Every Friday. 8pm-9pm - Waterloo Public Square

September 1st-December 15th

For further details, visit: <https://bit.ly/climate-vigils-wr> or speak with Henriëtte Thompson.

Parish Neighbourhood Walk As part of our ongoing discernment for a renewed vision for mission at St John's, you are invited to join a parish neighbourhood walk. Let's discover who our neighbours are and what insights are revealed in neighbourhood structures and spaces. The next two opportunities are Tuesday, September 12, 7 to 9pm...and...Saturday, September 16, 9 to 11am. Please arrive a few minutes before start time at the Duke Street entrance, so that we can begin on time. Please dress for the weather and for 45 minutes of walking. Most of the walks we have chosen so far are wheelchair and walker accessible. Please email me if you plan to attend one or both(!) walks – Henriette.thompson@gmail.com, or reach out to me at coffee hour on Sunday. Depending on the interest and demand, we may offer additional neighbourhood walks in October.

“What’s on the table this year, Waterloo Region?” Come to the 48th annual Interfaith Community Breakfast on Wednesday, October 4 at St. George Banquet Hall in Waterloo to reflect on this question. Join guests from the many religious, spiritual and philosophical traditions in Waterloo Region to enjoy delicious food and to reflect on the common concerns of our community. We hope to see you

there! Tickets are available through Eventbrite at this link.
www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-breakfast-2023-together-in-home-tickets-661350887307?aff=oddtcreator

Announcement Deadlines announcement requests for the Weekly Check-in and for the Sunday Bulletin must be submitted by Wednesday morning at 10:30A.M. The bulletin is printed no later than Wednesday at 1:00P.M. Please continue to email your announcements to 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
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>

Notes on Revised Common Lectionary Readings

Exodus 12:1-14

We continue the history of God's promise to Abraham as God prepares to deliver Abraham's descendants from their slavery in Egypt. Moses has called upon Pharaoh, in the name of God ("Yaweh"), to "let my people go". Nine times, Pharaoh has refused. Now God is about to send a tenth, and decisive, "plague": the death of the firstborn of every family in Egypt. But the angel of death will "pass over" the Israelite houses where the families have followed the instruction given in today's passage. And so we learn of the institution of the Jewish celebration of "Passover".

Psalm 149. B.A.S. p. 908

A psalm of victory, celebrating God's deliverance of God's people. Note that it is not nations, kings and nobles, but the poor and the faithful whom God "adorns" with victory. We must face the fact that when this psalm was composed the people of Israel believed it to be their God-given role to "wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples". Through Jesus, however, we learn an entirely different role for God's people.

Romans 13:8-14

Paul continues his instructions to the Christians in Rome, telling them how they are to conduct their lives in light of all that God has done for them in Christ. "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law", says Paul – which reminds us that Jesus summed up the law in these words: "love the Lord your God ... and love your neighbour as yourself".

Matthew 18:15-20

In chapter 18 of his gospel, Matthew records some of the teachings of Jesus concerning the way in which his followers are to conduct themselves in the new community that he brings into existence. Today's extract deals specifically with disputes between members of the community.

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 the on-call pastor at 519-743-0228 ext. 6.

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