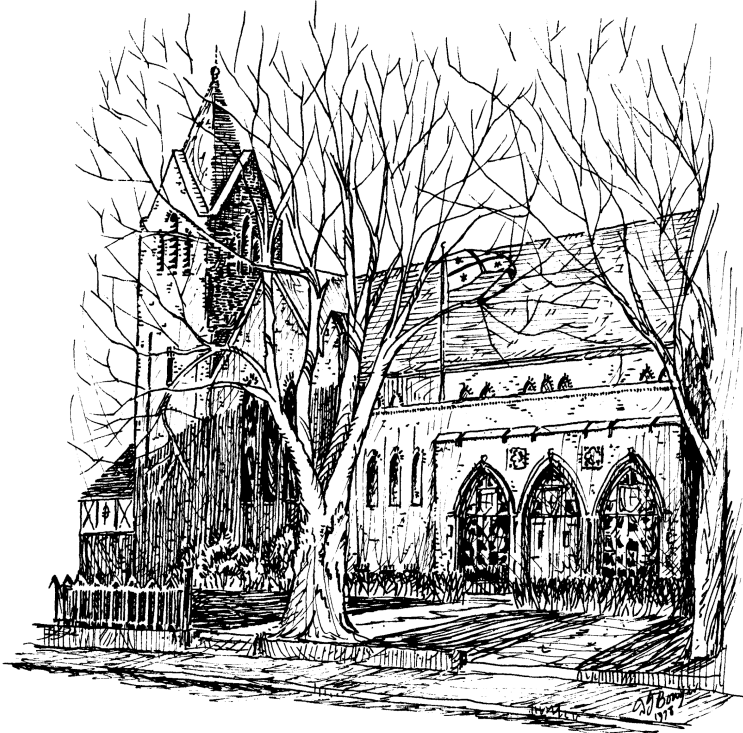


**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 17, 2023**



**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

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**Prelude**

**Be Joyful, O My Soul**

*Karg-Elert*

**Processional Hymn**

*Common Praise 355*

**All Creatures of  
Our God and King**

## **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 14:19-31

Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

## First Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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

## Psalm 114

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 world worthy of thanksgiving, we are drawn together in the compassion of God. We pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence allows for people to settle and 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 206

### **Your Will Be Done**

### **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* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*BAS page 918*

## 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 360*

**Bless the Lord,  
My Soul**

## Communion Anthem

## Adoramus te

*Gasparini*

*Text: We adore you, Christ, and we bless you,  
you whom by the Holy Cross have redeemed the world.  
Lord have mercy on us.*

## 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

### I Cannot Tell

*Text: I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,  
should set his love upon the world of sin,  
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.*

*I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted  
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;  
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.*

*I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.*

*I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when every heart with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,  
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'*

## **Dismissal**

*The presider dismisses the people.*  
*All*                    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **'Jig' Fugue in G, BWV 577**

*J.S. Bach*



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

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**The flowers on the Altar** are in loving memory of Anne Boich, a gift of the family.

**Week at a Glance**

Wednesday, September 20

Youngish Adults (7:30pm)

Thursday, September 21

Choir Rehearsal (7pm)

Sunday, September 24

Sunday Worship (10am)

**There has been a slight delay** in publishing the Canadian Anglican Church Calendar for 2024 but we should be getting them in early October. I will be taking orders until the end of September. You can contact me by e-mail:

davidemery@rogers.com or telephone- 519-896-0637.

Thank you, Enid Emery.

**Come to the Table** - Blessing of the Animals Service - September 30. Join us at 4 pm on Saturday, September 30 for a special Come to the Table Family Service where we will look ahead to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi with a special blessing of the animals. All are welcome with your beloved pets! If you are interested in joining us for a meal afterwards, please email Mary Neil at marytneil@gmail.com with the

number of people attending and any dietary restrictions. Please note service will be outside, weather permitting. Otherwise, we will be in the Upper Parish Hall.

**BALES** We are again looking for donations of gently used (*men's only*) warmer/autumn clothing for the Hispanic migrant workers in the Long Point area. We need hoodies/shirts/sweaters/pants and warm jackets. In lieu of clothing monetary donations may be made by cheque payable to *The Church of St. John the Evangelist, ACW* with 'bales' written on the memo line. A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20/more. These can be left in the collection plates. Clothing etc. should be left in the bins in the Narthex or the gym. Last day for donations is Sunday, October 1. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Cliff – cliff.rosemary@yahoo.com.

**Faith Climate Vigils** The climate crisis deepens. In the lead up to the UN climate conference in Dubai (UN COP 28) in early December, join with others in gatherings of grief, reflection, and hope.

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.

**“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-house-tickets-661350887307?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-breakfast-2023-together-in-house-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](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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***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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