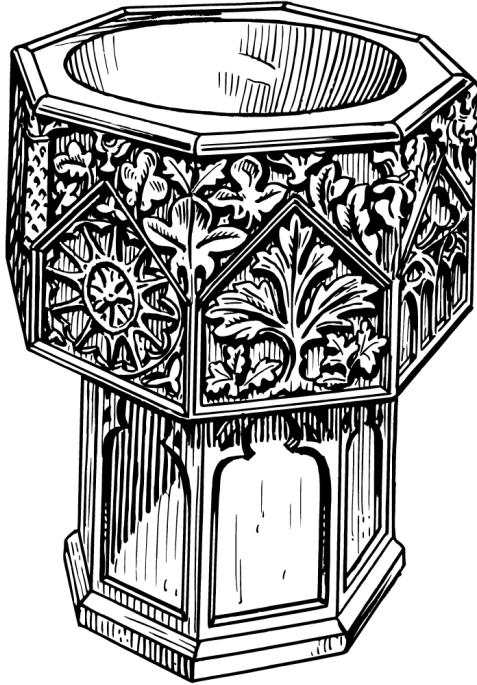


HOLY EUCHARIST
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2024



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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HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Preacher and Presider
Psalm 29

The Rector
p. 362

EUCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Book of Alternative Services

Prelude

Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn

Johann Walther

Processional Hymn

Common Praise 163

When Christ's Appearing

Was Made Known

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

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

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Psalm 29

Mark 1:4-11

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

BAS 738

Anglican Chant

Percy Buck

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 Mark.

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 Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **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.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Asperges

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor As followers of Jesus,
we pray that God might be well pleased.

Silence for preparation (stand, sit or kneel).

Intercessor We hear "God of incarnate kindness,"
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 of God Made Manifest

Common Praise 162

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus & Benedictus

(Music on pew card)

William Mathias

After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love...
Therefore, 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
of praise and thanksgiving...
... almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Barrie Cabena



Our Father in heav'n, hallow'd be your name, your king-dom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heav'n. Give us
to-day our dai-ly bread. Forgive us our sins as we for-
give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of
trial, and de-iver us from e-vil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. A--men.

The Fraction

The presider breaks the bread.

Agnus Dei

(Music on pew card)

William Mathias

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

Sing a New Creation 28

**As I Went Down in
the River to Pray**

Communion Anthem

**When John Baptised
By Jordan's River**

Angus Sinclair

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 598

Go to the World

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541b

J.S. Bach

PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

We thank the following for your roles at worship ...

Altar Guild

Tech Support

Mohan Thomas

Greeters

Charles Stuart, Peter Mills

Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

Presider

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Director of Music

Angus Sinclair

Servers

Chris Rietkerk, Mike McGill, Karen Sunabacka

Reader

Marianne Mellinger

Intercessor

Linda Jarrett

Chalice Bearers

Beatrice Orchard, Ann Coughlin

Warden on duty

Simon Guthrie

The Flowers on the Altar are for Asher, with love from Preston and Karen.

Week at a Glance

Wed, Jan 10

St. John's Clericus (Fireside Room 1:30 pm)

Wed, Jan 10

Seniors' Fellowship (St. Columba's 1:30 pm)

Thurs, Jan 11

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Sun, Jan 14

Worship (10 am)

January Birthdays and Anniversaries will be honoured with the Blessing Song at coffee hour on Jan 14. Please send Karen an email at ksunabacka@gmail.com and state whether it is a birthday or anniversary and any other details you wish Karen to share.

Our Seniors' Fellowship gathering is this Wednesday, Jan 10, 1:30 pm at St. Columba's church in Waterloo. We have a guest speaker from Community Support Connections who will tell us about the services that they offer. A time for fellowship and refreshment will follow. All are welcome. For information contact Jennifer Uttley at acw@stjohn316.com or call 519-578-6052.

Name Tags Whether you are a new, not so new, or longtime member of St. John's, if you would like a name tag, please email church@stjohn316.com or call the church office at 519-743-0288.

Sunday School in a Bag Help yourself to today's lesson and colour sheet in the narthex case. Bags include crayons with the sheets underneath. Please replace the bag and crayons after worship.

2024 Offering Envelopes, for those who use them, will find them on the table in the Upper Parish Hall. If you would like your envelopes delivered to you please email church@stjohn316.com or call the church office at 519-743-0288.

Regular Donations may be made to St. John's in several ways ...

1. Send weekly envelopes in the mail. You can send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. N. 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) Direct Electronic Funds Transfer (DEFT). Contact the office at giving@stjohn316.com.
5. Via canadahelps.org by credit card, once or recurring. Canada Helps takes 3.75%, gives tax receipt to you and report to us!

Weekend Parking is free at Kitchener City Hall. It's a great winter alternative as it is heated and snow-free! Enter off Young Street between Weber and King. Surface parking is available at the WLU parking lot on College St., between Weber and Duke. Note that College is one-way *from* Weber to Duke. Here's a downtown Kitchener [parking map](#).

Office Hours are maintained from Monday through Thursday: Mon to Wed - 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Thursday - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Regular Announcements for the Wednesday *Weekly Check-in* or this Sunday *Bulletin* should be submitted **by Tuesday at 10 am**. Email church@stjohn316.com. Thank you for your consideration.

TAKING CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY

If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact our rector at rector@stjohn316.com or leave a message at 519.743-0228 ext. 4.

In case of emergency, please contact the on-call pastor at 519.743-0228 ext. 6.

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