

HOLY EUCHARIST
First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 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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EUCCHARIST AT TEN O’CLOCK

Book of Alternative Services

Prelude

Prelude on Caithness

Angus Sinclair

Processional Hymn

Sing a New Creation 46

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

The Great Litany

Music on the pew card

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Then follows the Collect of the Day.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

Psalm 25:1-9

Mark 1:9-15

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

BAS 733

Plainsong

Second Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Common Praise 634

Jesus, Remember Me

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 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.**

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

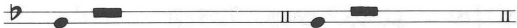
Sing a New Creation 204

Remember Your Mercy, Lord

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

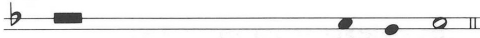
Eucharistic Prayer



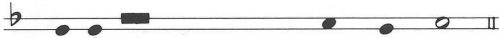
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Common Praise 689

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

BAS 918

The Fraction

The presider breaks the bread.

Lamb of God

Common Praise 690

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 52

O Lord, Your Cross

Communion Anthem

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant

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 533

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prelude on Aberystwyth

Healey Willan

PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

Altar Guild & Choir

Tech Support

Jonathan Malton

Greeters

Claire Smith, Mike McGill

Preacher

The Rev'd James Brown

Presider

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

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Simon Guthrie

Week at a Glance

Wed, Feb 21

Youngish Adults (7:30 pm)

Thurs, Feb 22

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Sat, Feb 24

Come to the Table (4:00 pm)

Sun, Feb 25

Worship (10:00 am)

Bach Vespers (4:00 pm)

The current issue of *On Eagle's Wings* is out today and is available at the entrances to worship. Past issues of OEW together with publication dates & deadlines may be found at www.stjohn316.com/ow/.

Bach Vespers: The choir and orchestra of Spiritus Ensemble will perform Bach Cantata 109, *Ich bleibe, Lieber Herr, hilf meinem Unglaube!* (Lord, I believe, help my unbelief) on Sun, Feb 25, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Soloists are Daniel Cabena, alto, and Bud Roach, tenor; Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission is free; donations are gratefully received.

Exciting News! Children's ministry is coming back to St. John's. There has been a great effort by many volunteers to clean the nursery space and make preparation for children's ministry on

Sunday morning. The space is 'under construction' at this time. Please do not place or remove anything from the nursery going forward. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Claire Smith-McGill at 905-391-9255. More news to come.

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Fri, Mar 1. This year the service was prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. It will include an in-person service at St. George's Forest Hill at 11 am, a Cable TV station, and an online version available at:

<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer-2024-service-videos/>.

Free Community Dinner The Community Kitchen Co-op is hosting a free community dinner, prepared by Chef Thompson Tran of The Wooden Boat Food Company, on Sunday, March 3 from 5-8 pm at St. John's. This is a great opportunity to meet people from the various organizations that make up the Civic Hub - part of the work of the Social Development Council which uses our Lower Parish Hall. Reserving tickets with Al Coughlin, at 519-897-5449 or awcoughlin@gmail.com, will help them to prepare.

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.

Lectionary Notes (Bulletin insert) are created by Andrew Brockett, a member of St. John's. They are based on the readings from the Anglican Church of Canada's version of the *Revised Common Lectionary*, in use by many Christians around the world and a profound, every-Sunday witness to Christian Unity. The *Notes* are designed to provide some context for each reading and for the breadth of readings over a period of time.

Prayer Concerns (Bulletin insert) are crafted by Honourary Assistant André Lavergne, with the contributions of Parish Council member Henriëtte Thompson (local and global concerns), and Parish Administrator Autumn Debassige (prayers for people of our parish). The *Prayer Concerns* augment the *Sunday Prayers of the People* and invite people to take our community prayers home, to

make them concrete and to make them their own. *Prayer Concerns* reflect the calendars of the *Anglican (Communion) Cycle of Prayer*, the Diocese of Huron *Chain of Prayer* and the Canadian (ACC-ELCIC) *Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer*.

Financial Contributions may be made to St. John's by...

1. By mail using offering envelopes. Send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. N. Kitchener ON N2H 5A4
2. Drop off cash donations at the church office via the mail slot in the door. Be sure to 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 a tax receipt to you and report to us!

Weekend Parking is free at Kitchener City Hall and a great winter option as it is heated and snow-free! Enter off Young between Weber and King. Surface parking is available at the WLU Faculty of Social Work parking lot on College St., just above 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 Wednesday - 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, and Thursday - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

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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