

**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**February 25, 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**

**Chorale Prelude on Melcombe**

*C.H.H. Parry*

**Chorale Prelude on Erbarm’  
dich mein, o Herre Gott**

*J.S. Bach*

**Processional Hymn**

**At the Name of Jesus**

*Common Praise 375*

### **A Penitential Order**

#### **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* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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.**

#### **The Word of God**

*Reader* A reading from Isaiah 55:6-7.

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

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

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The presider bids the confession.*

## **Trisagion**

*Common Praise 707*

*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 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 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:22-30

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

## First Reading

*The lesson is read.*

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

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

## Psalm 22:22-30

**Plainsong**

*BAS 730*

## Second Reading

*The lesson is read.*

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

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

## Gradual

**Jesus, Remember Me**

*Common Praise 634*

## 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* God invites us to set our minds  
on divine things.  
We pray "God of this holy Lent,  
**hear our prayer."**

*Silence for preparation (stand, sit or kneel).*

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**



*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 169*

## **Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

## **Communion Anthem**

## **A Prayer of King Henry VI**

*Henry Ley*

## **Post-Communion Solo**

*Autumn Debassige*

## **Erbarme dich, mein Gott**

**BWV 244**

*J.S. Bach*

## **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 372*

**Praise to the Holiest  
in the Height**

### **Dismissal**

*The presider dismisses the people.*

*All*                    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

**‘Dorian’ Toccata in D Minor, BWV 538a**

*J.S. Bach*



## PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

### **Altar Guild & Choir**

#### **Tech Support**

Jonathan Malton

#### **Greeters**

Charles Stuart, Peter Mills, Yvonne Schaffelburg

#### **Preacher**

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

#### **Presider**

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#### **Director of Music**

Angus Sinclair

#### **Soloist**

Autumn Debassige

#### **Servers**

Mike McGill, Karen Sunabacka, Sophia Coughlin, Kate Strathdee

#### **Reader**

Claire Smith

#### **Intercessor**

Doug Woodley

#### **Chalice Bearers**

Alec Gow, Ann Coughlin

#### **Cover Art**

Gerald King

#### **Warden on Duty**

Paul Schaffelburg

### **Week at a Glance**

Today

Bach Vespers (4:00 pm)

Wed, Feb 28

Parish Council (7:00 pm)

Thurs, Feb 29

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Sun, Mar 3

BCP Worship (8:00 am)

BAS Worship (10:00 am)

Free Community Dinner (5:00 pm)

**Easter Memorial Flowers** If any members of the congregation would like to make a donation towards the Easter Flowers in memory of family or friends, you will find envelopes on the tables in the Narthex and at the Duke St. landing.

Any cheques should be made out to "St. John the Evangelist" and please write "Easter Flowers " in the Memo Line. Do not make cheques payable to the ACW as that account is closed. Thank You.

**The February Issue of On Eagle's Wings** was published last Sunday and is available at the entrances to worship. Read it or past issues of OEW at [www.stjohn316.com/oew/](http://www.stjohn316.com/oew/).

**Bach Vespers:** The choir and orchestra of Spiritus Ensemble will perform Cantata 109 TODAY 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.

**Join the St. John's Tech Team!** Are you looking for a new way you can serve in the church? If you're comfortable with computers and like learning new things you may enjoy what our team does!

The St John's technical support team is responsible for supporting in-church sound as well as running our live-stream via YouTube. Occasional troubleshooting is required, but typical Sundays run quite smoothly.

A typical time slot is approximately 9:15-11:30 on a Sunday morning, though we also help with Parish Hall meetings, Christmas Eve & other special services, or weddings & funerals.

You will learn by shadowing another member of the team until you are comfortable. To learn more, please get in touch with Jonathan Malton, at [socialmedia@stjohn316.com](mailto:socialmedia@stjohn316.com).

**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** is on Fri, Mar 1. The program material was prepared by the Palestinian Christian Women's Committee with the theme, "Bear with one another in Love".

Due to lingering concerns with Covid, the event will include an in-person service at St. George's Forest Hill at 11 am, coverage by 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:giving@stjohn316.com).
5. Via [canadahelps.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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