

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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

Mark Goulet

Prelude in Bb Minor, BWV 867

J.S. Bach

Intermezzo Op. 116, No. 6

Johannes Brahms

Song without Words Op. 30, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn

Common Praise 602

Lift High the Cross

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

1 John 1: 8–9

Reader

A reading from the First Letter of John.

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

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

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 3:14-21

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Plainsong

BAS 852

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 John.

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 Our God is faithful and just and forgives.
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.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Amazing Grace

Common Praise 352

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...

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
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

Common Praise 294

By the Waters, the Waters of Babylon

Communion Anthem

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

Post-Communion Solo

Karen MacLeod, Corinne Dutton

The Crucifixion

Samuel Barber

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 354

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Mark Goulet

Notturmo Op. 54, No. 4

Edvard Grieg

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 Canon Dr Preston Parsons

Presider

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Director of Music

Angus Sinclair

Pianist

Mark Goulet

Soloist

Karen MacLeod

Servers

Chris Reitkerk, Karen Sunabacka,
Sophia Coughlin

Reader

John Lougheed

Intercessor

Andréa Balfour

Chalice Bearers

Megan Brockett, Naomi Sargeant

Cover Art

Gerald King

Warden on Duty

Simon Guthrie

Week at a Glance

Today

Choral Evensong (4:00 pm)

Thurs, Mar 14

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Sun, Mar 17

Worship (10:00 am)

Luncheon (Following Worship)

Irish: Then/Now (2:00 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.

Seniors' Fellowship Our next gathering is on Wed, Mar 13 at 1:30 pm at St. Columba's Church. We will have a tour of China's Silk Road and Tibet. Join us as we travel from Kashgar all the way to Xian and Beijing with a side trip to Tibet. As always there will be time for fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome. For more information contact Jennifer Uttley at acw@stjohn316.com.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon/Lorna Glencross's Birthday The church is hosting a luncheon following the service on Sun, Mar 17. This simple, complimentary meal will consist of Irish stew (lamb and veg options), baked potato with toppings (including Guinness cheddar sauce), and soda bread. Freewill donations will be appreciated. In addition, Lorna Glencross is celebrating her 100th birthday, and yes, there will be cake. So tuck into St Paddy's Day and help Lorna celebrate a milestone!

Irish: Then/Now Karen MacLeod, in conjunction with the Irish Real Life (IRL) Festival, brings friends to St John's on Sun, Mar 17 at 2 pm. This is a concert experience featuring traditional and ancient Irish works set in modern compositions. Karen and Bruce Gremo make their debut as "aire"; and Irish-Canadian playwright Ciaran Myers and Ukrainian pianist Olena Klyucharova join with poetry and songs from Irishmen Pdraig O Tuama and Samuel Barber. There will be surprises, chuckles, and elegant moments! Please do join us! (PWYC, suggesting \$20).

The Next Issue of On Eagle's Wings will be published on Sun, Mar 24. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie at sarah.guthrie@gmail.com by end-of-day Tues, Mar 19th. Past issues of OEW and upcoming deadlines/publication dates can be found at <https://www.stjohn316.com/oew/>.

Pansies are back at the same fabulous prices as last year!

\$13.00 for the 8" round taller pot

\$16.00 for the 10" round flower pot

\$20.00 for the hanging baskets

Order sheets are available at coffee hour and all orders must be in by Mar 22! Delivery will be Sun, May 5, the week before Mothers Day, May 12. Thanks, Andr ea & Charles - Fundraising Committee.

Easter Brunch! Join us for Easter Brunch following the 10am Service on Easter Sunday, Mar 31. Speak to Marianne Mellinger or Anne Hopewell if you are able to contribute something for the meal. (Suggestions include rolls, salads, deviled eggs, desserts, fruit).

Join the St. John's Tech Team! The team is responsible for supporting in-church sound and running our YouTube live-stream. Occasional

troubleshooting is required, but typical Sundays (9:15am-11:30am) run quite smoothly. 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. Get in touch with Jonathan Malton at socialmedia@stjohn316.com for info.

Call for Volunteers! Volunteers are needed to help with Children's Ministry. Anyone interested must complete a vulnerable sector check as they will be offering child care during the Sunday morning service once a month. A curriculum and a list of activities will be provided. Please reach out to Claire Smith-McGill 905-391-9255.

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.
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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