

**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 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**

*Kate and Carolyn Strathdee*

## **Berceuse**

*Gabriel Fauré*

## **Gavotte in G Minor**

*J.S. Bach*

## **Processional Hymn**

*Common Praise 400*

## **What Wondrous Love Is This**

## **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

**Romans 6:3-11**

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the church at Rome.

*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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

## First Reading

*The lesson is read.*

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

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

## Psalm 119:9-16

## Plainsong

*BAS 869*

## 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* Whomever serves God must follow God.  
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

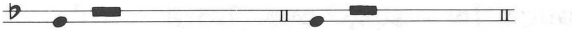
## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Common Praise 522*

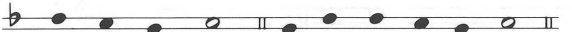
## Prayer over the Gifts

*The presider says a prayer over the offerings.*

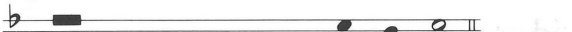
## Eucharistic Prayer



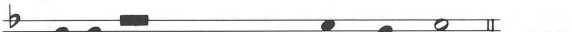
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**



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 629*

## **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

## **Communion Anthem**

## **Crux fidelis**

*John IV of Portugal*

## **Post-Communion Solo**

*Sue Doran*

## **O My Boy, Jesus**

*Robert Fleming*

## 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            O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*Common Praise tune 369*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of Thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward  
to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,  
died to call them all His own;  
how for them He intercedeth,  
watcheth o'er them from the throne.



O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best;  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'tis heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to Thee.

S. Trevor Francis

## Dismissal

*The presider dismisses the people.*

All                      **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## O Sacred Head

*J.S. Bach*

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## PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

### Altar Guild & Choir

<b>Tech Support</b>	Jonathan Malton
<b>Greeters</b>	Eli Boich, Graham Currie
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons
<b>Presider</b>	The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons
<b>Director of Music</b>	Angus Sinclair
<b>Server</b>	Chris Reitkerk
<b>Reader</b>	Andrew Brockett
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jean Wright
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Maggie Hendley, Ann Coughlin
<b>Cover Art</b>	Gerald King
<b>Warden on Duty</b>	Simon Guthrie

## Week at a Glance

Today	Luncheon (Following Worship) Irish: Then/Now (2:00 pm)
Wed, Mar 20	Parish Council (7:00 pm) Youngish Adults (7:30 pm)
Thurs, Mar 21	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)
Sun, Mar 24	Palm Sunday Worship (10:00 am)

**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.

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon/Lorna Glencross's Birthday** The church is hosting a luncheon following the service TODAY. This simple, complimentary meal consists of Irish stew, baked potato with toppings, and soda bread. Freewill donations are appreciated (\$5 suggested). In addition, Lorna Glencross is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and there will be cake.

**Irish: Then/Now** Karen MacLeod, in conjunction with the Irish Real Life (IRL) Festival, brings friends to St John's THIS AFTERNOON at 2 pm. This is a concert experience featuring traditional and ancient Irish works set in modern compositions. 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](mailto: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: \$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. All orders must be in by Mar 22! Delivery will be Sun, May 5. Thanks, Andréa & Charles.

**Easter Brunch!** Join us for Easter Brunch following the 10am Service on Easter Sun, 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).

**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](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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