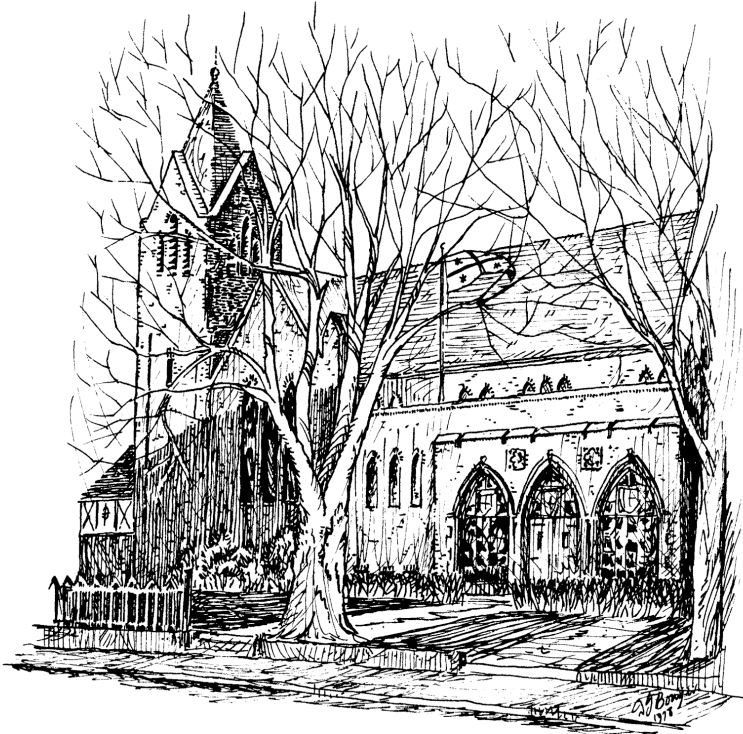


HOLY EUCHARIST
The Great Vigil of Easter
March 30, 2024



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 EIGHT O'CLOCK

Book of Alternative Services

The Service of Light and Paschal Procession

The service begins in the Memorial Garden.

The presider addresses the people, bids a prayer, and prepares the paschal candle.

During the procession:

Cantor The Light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Exsultet

BAS 323

Cantor Rejoice, heavenly powers!...
...echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

People The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Cantor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Cantor It is truly right that with full hearts and minds...
...your Son who lives and rings for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Canticle 1

Isaiah 55:1-11

Canticle 3

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalms 42, 43

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114

Matthew 28:1-10

The presider addresses the people.

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Word of God. Word of life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 1: The Song of Moses

BAS 75

Plainsong

The presider chants a collect.

Second Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Word of God. Word of life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 3: Song of Thanksgiving

BAS 76

Plainsong

The presider chants a collect.

Third Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Word of God. Word of life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 42,43

BAS 758

Plainsong

The presider chants a collect.

Act of Praise

Music on pew card

Gloria

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Then follows the Collect of the Day.

People **Amen.**

Fourth Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Word of God. Word of life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

BAS 862

Plainsong

Gospel Acclamation

Common Praise 709

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you, Almighty God...
... To him, to you, and the Holy Spirit, be all
honour and glory, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The presider addresses the people.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **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?

People **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.**

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 Hymn

Sing a New Creation 28

As I Went Down in the River to Pray

The presider continues with the asperges, and concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with an address.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BAS 918

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

Common Praise 216

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Communion Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide

Dutch carol

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.**

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

Common Praise 203

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Strife is O'er

Improvisation

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

Altar Guild & Choir

Greeters	Charles Stuart
Preacher	The Rev'd André Lavergne, CWA
Presider	The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons
Director of Music	Angus Sinclair
Cantors	Gerald King, Stephen Strauss
Servers	Chris Reitkerk, Karen Sunabacka, Kate Strathdee
Readers	Esther and Nonso Ndukwe
Chalice Bearer	Jennifer Birdsall
Warden on Duty	Simon Guthrie

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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**, contact the on-call pastor at 519.743-0228 ext. 6. **In the case of a non-urgent matter**, contact our parish administrator at 519.743-0228 ext. 1.

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