

**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 7, 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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## HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O’CLOCK

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 67*

Preacher and Presider  
Psalm 133

The Rector  
*p. 504*

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## EUCCHARIST AT TEN O’CLOCK

*Book of Alternative Services*

**Prelude**

**Fanfare and Intermezzo**  
from 5 Pieces for Organ, HWC 177  
*Healey Willan*

**Processional Hymn     At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing**  
*Common Praise 207*

## The Gathering of the Community

### The Greeting

*Presider*     Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People*     **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Presider*     May his grace and peace be with you.

*People*     **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*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.**

**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.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

Psalm 133

John 20:19-31

### First Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Word of God. Word of life.

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

### Psalm 133

*BAS 890*

### Plainsong

### Second Reading

*The lesson is read.*

*Reader* Word of God. Word of life.

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

### 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 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*    Christ is risen.  
*All*                **Christ is risen indeed!**  
We pray "God of resurrection and new life,  
**hear our prayer."**

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

## **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**

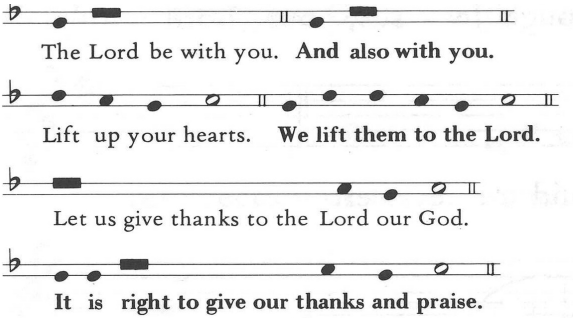
**Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him**

*Common Praise 59*

## **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*            We give you thanks and praise ...  
                              ... to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Music on pew card*

*William Mathias*

*After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:*

*Presider*            Holy and gracious God ...  
                              ... now and forever.

*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 232*

**Jesus Is Risen from the Grave**

**Communion Solo**

**I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes  
Unto the Hills**

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**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**

*Sing a New Creation 55*

**Our Wars and Tumults  
Now Must Cease**

**Dismissal**

*The presider dismisses the people.*

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

**Gelobt sei Gott by Melchior Vulpius  
from 6 Chorale Preludes, Set I, HWC 155**

*Healey Willan*

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## An Easter Prayer

God of our Easter lives, through the lifting up of your Son, you have drawn all creation to yourself. May our Easter journey confirm a word of kinship to the stranger, an experience of healing in the presence of hurt, a proclamation of grace with integrity, and an expression of kindness toward all. Amen.

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### PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

#### **Altar Guild & Choir**

#### **Tech Support**

Mike McGill

#### **Greeters**

John House, Peter Mills

#### **Preacher**

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

#### **President**

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

#### **Director of Music**

Angus Sinclair

#### **Soloist**

Gerald King

#### **Server**

Chris Reitkerk

#### **Reader**

Jonathan Malton

#### **Intercessor**

Corinne Dutton

#### **Chalice Bearers**

Bob Humphreys | Jennifer Birdsall,  
Alec Gow, Megan Brockett

#### **Warden on Duty**

Simon Guthrie

**The flowers on the Altar** are given in loving memory of Harry Moore and his grandson Kyle and Loved ones, from the Moore family.

#### **Week at a Glance**

Wed, Apr 10

Seniors' Fellowship

Thurs, Apr 11

Choir Coffee Night (7:30 pm)

Sun, Apr 14

Worship (10:00 am)

Birthdays & Anniversaries (Following Worship)

Qi Ensemble Recital (2:00 pm)



**In-person Intercessory Prayer** has resumed today and will continue on Sundays at the 10 am service through to the end of June. During communion, two intercessors will be stationed next to the font at the back of the church to pray in confidence with anyone who would like Intercessory Prayer.

**The Next Seniors' Fellowship** is Wed, Apr 10. We are going to Royal City Nursery for a demonstration and talk about planting pots and spring gardening. We will have time to browse with a chance to use our 10% discount offered by Royal City. Following the visit, we are going to Frannie's Restaurant and Bakery for refreshments and fellowship. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon to celebrate spring. We will be carpooling. To help with planning, if you would like to join us, please contact Jennifer Uttley at [acw@stjohn316.com](mailto:acw@stjohn316.com) or call 519-578-6052.

**April Birthdays and Anniversaries** will be celebrated next Sun (Apr 14) during the coffee hour! Please send Karen an email at [ksunabacka@gmail.com](mailto:ksunabacka@gmail.com) and state whether it is a birthday or anniversary and any other details you wish Karen to share.

**Qi** is a new ensemble - composed of Li Zhang, Kelsey Cai, Gianni Li, and Bruce Gremo - that mixes traditional Chinese, Western, Classical, Contemporary, World, and Experimental music. Presenting the second concert in *Musical Flora: A concert series at St. John's Kitchener*, curated by Bruce Gremo, join Qi on Sun, Apr 14 at 2:00 pm to relish the diverse bouquet! Admission is free for children and students. Recommended donation of \$20 or PWYC.

**More Than Tacos:** The Community Kitchen Coop is happy to offer a cooking class led by Chef Eduardo Perez who has represented Mexico at gastronomic food festivals around the world. The class is limited to 15 participants and will be held here at St John's on Sun, Apr 14 from 4 – 7 pm. You will learn to cook some Mexican dishes and share in the meal that results. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about this culture and cuisine. Tickets are \$25 per person (plus transaction fee) and can be obtained

from Eventbrite at <https://rb.gy/lc69sc>. Speak with Al and Ann Coughlin, Simon Guthrie or Kate Strathdee for more information.

**Calling all Knitters & People who Crochet** In Kathleen's absence, Anne Hopewell is taking over temporarily. There is a need for prayer shawls and lap blankets. To those who knit or crochet, please consider supporting this Ministry with the precious gift of your talent. These are delivered to our shut-ins, parish members going through difficult times - such as surgery, cancer treatments, or other challenges - and new born babies. The recipients are grateful for our gifts and are comforted knowing that they are being prayed for and thought of. We have wool and patterns on hand if required. Donations are also welcome. Thanks – Anne Hopewell 519-954-3565.

**Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)** have developed a letter calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. If you would like to read and sign, please go to the following link:<https://rb.gy/bvf2q7>. Any questions? Please contact Alicia Batten at [abatten@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:abatten@uwaterloo.ca).

**2023 Financial Reports** are available in the Parish Council binder in the Water Street narthex. If you have any questions about any of the reports please speak to Marianne Mellinger.

**Volunteers are Needed** for Children's Ministry. Those interested must complete a vulnerable sector check. 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**, 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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