

HOLY EUCHARIST
Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 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

Introduction to St. Anne's Mass

James MacMillan

Processional Hymn

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Common Praise 216

The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. 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

Common Praise 686

Glory to God

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 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36b-48

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Word of God. Word of life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

BAS 707

Anglican Chant

William Knyvett

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 Luke.

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

To the Name of Our Salvation

Common Praise 377

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Communion Hymn

Sing a New Creation 122

Before the Throne of God Above

Communion Anthem

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

Healey Willan

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 379

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

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

Postlude

Prelude on "O Filii et Filiae"
from 10 Hymn Preludes, Set I, HWC 169

Healey Willan

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 life include 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.

PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

Altar Guild & Choir

Tech Support

Nathaniel Holmes

Greeters

Graham Currie, Charles Stuart

Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

President

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Director of Music

Angus Sinclair

Servers

Kate Strathdee, Karen Sunabacka,
Sophia Coughlin

Reader

Simon Guthrie

Intercessor

Ann Coughlin

Chalice Bearers

Beatrice Orchard, Ken Hull, Ann
Coughlin

Warden on Duty

Paul Schaffelburg

The flowers on the Altar to-day are given in memory of Loved Ones, a gift of the Lowe family.

Week at a Glance

Today

Birthdays & Anniversaries (Following Worship)
Qi Ensemble Recital (2:00 pm)

More Than Tacos (4:00 pm)

Wed, Apr 17

Youngish Adults (7:30 pm)

Thurs, Apr 18

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Sat, Apr 20

Come to the Table (4:00 pm)

Sun, Apr 21

Worship (10:00 am)

Volunteer Appreciation (Following Worship)

Did You Know that St. John's has Weekly Check-in and Worship Content e-blasts? If not, you're missing out! Please email the church office at church@stjohn316.com with your full name, post address, and preferred email address to sign up. We'll make sure to add you to our database so that you can be up-to-date with all parish and community details and events!

In-person Intercessory Prayer resumed last Sunday and will continue on Sundays at the 10:00 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.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated today during the coffee hour!

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 today at 2:00 pm to relish the diverse bouquet! Admission is free for children and students. Recommended donation of \$20 or PWYC.

The Next Issue of On Eagle's Wings will be published on Sun, Apr 21. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie at sarah.guthrie@gmail.com by end-of-day Tues, Apr 16. Past issues of OEW and upcoming deadlines/publication dates can be found at <https://www.stjohn316.com/oew/>.

Bach Vespers: The choir and orchestra of Spiritus Ensemble will perform Bach Cantata 9, *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* (It is the Saviour who comes to us) on Sun, Apr 28 at 4:00 pm, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. Soloists are Elizabeth Lepock, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Bud Roach, and Ben Wallace; Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission is free; donations are gratefully received.

The Migrant Workers Ministry is looking for donations of gently used men's, and this year women's, spring clothing to be distributed to the migrant workers in the Long Point area. Required: Shirts, T-shirts (short/long sleeved), light jackets, trousers/jeans, 'hoodies,' which help to keep the sun off the workers' heads; shoes, work boots. Blankets, bath towels, hygiene items. Food (canned/dried). Bicycles and scooters. In lieu of clothing, monetary donations are very welcome and may be made by cheque payable to Church of St. John the Evangelist, with Outreach written on the memo line. These can be left in the box marked 'Migrant Workers' on the table in the Narthex. Donations of clothing etc. should be left in the bins in the Narthex and at the top of the stairs outside the gym. The last day for donations is Sun, Apr 28. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Cliff – cliff.rosemary@yahoo.com.

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.

Save the Date for the Bishop's Friends Dinner happening on Jun 8 at Renison College. Tickets available soon. Contact St. George's of Forest Hill at 519-744-4751 for more information.

Volunteer 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.
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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