

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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

Dreams

Bruce Wheatcroft

Processional Hymn Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

Common Praise 474

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 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24

Psalm 23
John 10:11-18

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Word of God. Word of life.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

BAS 731

Anglican Chant

Sir Edward Bairstow

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

Common Praise 520, tune 65

The King of Love

My Shepherd Is

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Communion Hymn

Common Praise 229

Who Is There on This Easter Morning

Communion Anthem

Brother James' Air

Arr. Gordon Jacob

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.

Closing Hymn

Common Praise 576

For the Healing of the Nations

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

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

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

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 witness include a proclamation of grace with integrity, words of kinship for the guest, the experience of healing in the presence of hurt, and the offer of kindness toward all. Amen.

PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

Altar Guild, Handbells & Choir

Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Greeters	Anne Hopewell, Laura Doric
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons
President	The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons
Director of Music	Angus Sinclair
Servers	Chris Rietkerk, Karen Sunabacka, Sharon Woodley
Reader	Paula Brown
Intercessor	Alec Gow
Chalice Bearers	Paul & Yvonne, Schaffelburg, Judy Shantz
Warden on Duty	Simon Guthrie

The flowers on the Altar are given in Loving memory of Lovro and Manda Doric, a gift of the Doric family.

Week at a Glance

Today	Volunteer Appreciation (Following Worship)
Wed, Apr 24	Parish Council (7:00 pm)
Thurs, Apr 25	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)
Sat, Apr 27	Service of Thanksgiving for Dorcas Plant (2:00 pm)
Sun, Apr 28	Bach Vespers (4:00 pm)

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!

Volunteer Recognition: Today we honour and thank the many people in our church family who put countless hours into making St. John's such a lively place. Each has a special talent to share, and many have been volunteering for years! That's amazing! Please give yourselves a pat on the back and join us for coffee and cake after the service to celebrate.

The Current Issue of On Eagle's Wings is out today! Past issues of OEW and upcoming deadlines/publication dates can be found at <https://www.stjohn316.com/oew/>.

The Ministry and Sustainability Working Group is a committee, appointed by The Rector and Wardens. The purpose is to consider future ministry directions alongside ways of ensuring the congregation's ongoing financial viability, taking into account the benefit and burdens associated with maintaining a large, older building. For more information, see the article in today's new issue of *On Eagle's Wings*.

Dorcas Plant's Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. John's Kitchener this Saturday (Apr 27) at 2:00 pm. Until moving away to be closer to family, Dorcas was a long-time member of St. John's.

A Celebration of Life for Hazel Nobes is taking place next Sunday (Apr 28) from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Henry Walser Funeral Home. Memories of Hazel, devoted parishioner of St. John's, will be shared at 2:00.

Bach Vespers: The choir and orchestra of Spiritus Ensemble is performing Bach Cantata 9, *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* (It is the Saviour who comes to us) next Sunday at 4:00 pm, at the

Church of St. John the Evangelist, 23 Water St. N, 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.

The 2024 Interfaith Community Breakfast - from 7:00 - 9:00 am on Wed, May 15 at Bingemans - features women sharing their experiences and insights on belonging, what the concept means to them, and how we can all come together to promote a deep sense of belonging in community, so that everyone feels connected, supported, included, valued and safe. Register by visiting Erb & Good Family Funeral Home or at the following link: <https://rb.gy/9oktkc>. Tickets are \$50 per person.

The Bishop's Friends Dinner takes place on Jun 8 at Renison College. Tickets are available for \$100 each and can be purchased by contacting the Regional Dean at St. George's of Forest Hill. Call 519-744-4751 to reserve your seat at the table!

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.

A Prayer for Volunteers

God of unfolding time, you encourage us to follow Jesus in a journey of healing and salvation. This morning, we lift up all who volunteer in the ministry of St. John's. Grant us love for one another and for the community we serve. Abide with us, as we greet together the world you have loved forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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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