

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 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

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

J.S. Bach, Arr. Harvey Grace

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach, Arr. Stainton de B. Taylor

Processional Hymn

Alleluia! The Strife Is O’er

Common Praise 212

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 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

Psalm 22:24-30

John 15:1-8

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader

Word of God. Word of life.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

BAS 730

Anglican Chant

Edward J. Hopkins

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

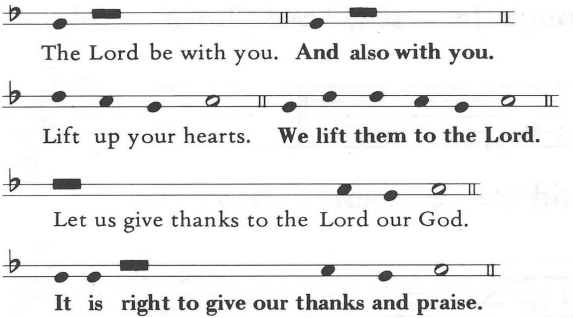
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Common Praise 486

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 and Benedictus

Music on pew card

Sir James MacMillan

After the Sanctus and Benedictus, 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

Sir James MacMillan

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 72

**Bread of Heaven,
on Thee We Feed**

Communion Anthem

**Come, My Way, My Truth,
My Life**

Philip Tomblings

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 438

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

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

Postlude

‘Gigue’ Fugue in G Major, BWV 577

J.S. Bach

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 & Choir

Tech Support

Mohan Thomas

Greeters

Yvonne Schaffelburg, Charles Stuart

Preacher

The Rev'd André Lavergne, CWA

Presider

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

Director of Music

Angus Sinclair

Server

Chris Rietkerk

Reader

Doug Woodley

Intercessor

Maggie Hendley

Chalice Bearers

Kate Strathdee, Naomi Sargeant,

Maggie Hendley

Warden on Duty

Paul Schaffelburg

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Marvin and Joan Metcalfe and their good friends, Adrienne and Jim Macpherson. A gift of Murray Metcalfe and Catherine Sheridan, and their family.

Week at a Glance

Today

Celebration of Life for Hazel Nobes
(Henry Walser Funeral Home 1:00 pm)

Bach Vespers (4:00 pm)

Wed, May 1

Ministry & Sustainability (7:00 pm)

Youngish Adults (7:30 pm)

Thurs, May 2

Choir Coffee Night (7:30 pm)

Sun, May 5

A Bach Offering Recital (2:00 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!

A Celebration of Life for Hazel Nobes is taking place today 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) today 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. Today is the last day for donations. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Cliff – cliff.rosemary@yahoo.com.

The Next Senior's Fellowship Gathering is Wed, May 8. We are going to St. James Anglican Church in Fergus to join their homemade community lunch. There is no fee to attend, but donations are greatly appreciated. Following lunch, we are going to visit their butterfly garden. The garden is picturesquely located overlooking the Grand River. A wonderful variety of butterfly-attracting perennials provide continuous bloom and beauty. We will be carpooling and will need to leave by 10:45 am. To help with planning, if you would like to join us, please contact Jennifer Uttley (acw@stjohn316.com or call 519-578-6052) as soon as possible so that we can let St. James know how many to expect. Thanks – Jennifer.

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.

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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