

HOLY EUCHARIST
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 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

Chant de May
from **Deux pièces, Op. 53**
Joseph Jongen

Processional Hymn

Common Praise 374

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

Psalm 1

John 17:6-19

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader

Word of God. Word of life.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

BAS 705

Anglican Chant

Frederick Ouseley

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 84

**Lord, Enthroned in
Heavenly Splendour**

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Communion Hymn
Sing a New Creation 154

Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Communion Anthem

As Spring Breaks Forth

Richard Baker

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

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Common Praise 247

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

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

Postlude

**Toccata in B minor
from Dix pièces pour orgue**

Eugène Gigout

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 kinship with the stranger, healing in the presence of hurt, grace with integrity, and kindness toward all. Amen.

PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

Altar Guild & Choir

Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Greeter	Peter Mills
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons
Presider	The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons
Director of Music	Angus Sinclair
Organist	Corinne Dutton
Flautist	Bruce Gremo
Servers	Chris Rietkerk, Karen Sunabacka
Reader	Ken Hull
Intercessor	Claire Smith
Chalice Bearers	Naomi Sargeant, Yvonne Schaffelburg, Beatrice Orchard
Warden on Duty	Paul Schaffelburg

The flowers on the Altar are given in memory of Loved Ones. A gift of Mindy Hurley.

Week at a Glance

Today	Birthdays & Anniversaries (Following Worship)
Wed, May 15	Ministry & Sustainability Meeting (7:00 pm)
Thurs, May 16	Handbell Rehearsal (6:30 pm) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)
Sun, May 19	Worship (10:00 am)

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

The 2024 Interfaith Community Breakfast - from 7:00 - 9:00 am this Wed 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.

Help Needed on Sat, May 25 to assist Bethany Kuntz and Northern Ecologists Ltd in the planting of the new hedge to replace a portion of the rusted iron fence. Planting begins at 9am and runs until completion. No gardening expertise required, just willing hands. Your help will reduce the labour expense of this project. Please indicate your participation to Mohan Thomas or Dave Sapelak, or call the church office at 519-743-0228.

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life (Annotation 19) is being offered by the Spiritual Life Committee of Harcourt Memorial United Church in Guelph with registration beginning in June. Introductory Disposition Days are held over the summer, and the exercises proper begin in Sept for approximately 40 weeks. For more information, contact Marion Auger at office@harcourtcommunity.ca or at 519-824-6329.

Celebrate Holy Trinity Kitchener's 60th Anniversary with an open house on Sat, June 1 from 12-5pm, and on Sun, Jun 2 at 11am for their Anniversary Service – Bishop Todd presiding. Please RSVP to the luncheon that follows at 519-893-7606 or holytrinitykitchener@diohurgon.org. Any photos or stories to share would be most welcome!

The Bishop's Friends Dinner takes place on Jun 8 at Renison College. Item donations for the silent and live auction are being requested. Drop items to your local church and the Regional Dean will collect them three days before the event. Tickets are available for \$100 each and can be purchased by contacting the Regional Dean at 519-744-4751 or visiting the following link: <https://shorturl.at/agux3>.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund seeks help in nominating members for its Board of Directors. Do you know anyone who is passionate about the work of PWRDF and would add value and has expertise in global health, global development and relief, and financial management and business? We would like to encourage you to submit a nomination on their behalf. Kindly email completed [nomination forms](#) to Anya Palmer at apalmer@pwrdf.org by Fri, June 28 at 5:00 pm.

Migrant Workers Last Friday Rosemary Cliff delivered all the wonderful donations of blankets, clothing, boots, shoes and hygiene products to Fr. Enrique along with a monetary donation. It was, of course, well received and with much gratitude. A heartfelt thank you to all those who donated. This is a very worthwhile ministry and one which will be ongoing, as it is being extended to many other areas. The next delivery of donations will probably be some time this autumn and Rosemary will keep you posted on this. But when you next clean out your cupboards/closet, please remember the migrant workers. Thank you.

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](#).

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!

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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