

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025



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

II Andante

from Italienisches Konzert, BWV 971

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Common Praise 602

A Penitential Order

The Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

The Word of God

1 John 1:8-9

Please be seated.

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

The lesson is read.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Confession and Absolution

We stand, sit, or kneel for the confession.

The presider bids the confession.

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.**

Trisagion

Common Praise 707

Absolution is given.

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

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Plainsong

BAS 742

Second Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Glory be to you, O God, for your love poured out for us!

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Common Praise 689

The eucharistic prayer continues:

Presider Glory and thanksgiving be to you...

...all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,
world without end.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Barrie Cabena



Our Father in heav'n, hallow'd be your name, your king-dom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heav'n. Give us
to-day our dai-ly bread. Forgive us our sins as we for-
give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of
trial, and de-liver us from e-vil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. A--men.

The Fraction

The presider breaks the bread.

Lamb of God

Common Praise 690

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion is available in two places: at the front end of the centre aisle, or at the high altar where you may kneel. If you prefer a gluten free wafer, please let the priest know before you receive. If you are in need of prayer, there is a prayer team located in the back corner of the nave. Should you wish to light a prayer candle, you can do so at the table near the piano.

Communion Hymn

Sing a New Creation 32

When at This Table

Communion Anthem

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Common Praise 565

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

I Toccata

*from Toccata and Fugue in D minor
("Dorian"), BWV 538*

J.S. Bach

Plainsong Evensong – Please join us for another meditative evening service of prayer and chant on Sun, Apr 6 at 4:00 pm. This service from the BCP will be similar to the style offered at St. Mary Magdalene's Toronto during the tenure of Dr Healey Willan. All are welcome to this Lenten observance.

Easter Flowers – If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Flowers there are envelopes on the tables at both entrances to the church. Cheques should be made out to St. John's, but please print EASTER FLOWERS on the memo line. Thank you.

All are welcome to join us for our Easter Brunch following the Easter service on Apr 20!

Sign up sheets are available at Duke St and in the Narthex. Help is needed for food contributions, set-up (10:00 am-12:00pm on Sat, Apr 19), and clean-up following the brunch. Alternatively, email mmelling48@gmail.com to get involved. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome guests, eat a shared meal together, and continue our celebration of Easter!

PARISH GRATITUDES, NEWS & NOTES

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

Altar Guild & Choir

Tech Support

Jonathan Malton

Greeters

Anne Hopewell, Pam Hwee

Preacher/Presider

The Rev'd Canon Dr Preston Parsons

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Week at a Glance

Apr 1

Sacraments Lent Study (7:00 pm)

Apr 3

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Apr 6

BCP & BAS Worship, Sunday School (8:00 am & 10:00 am)

Plainsong Evensong (4:00 pm)

Martin Luther University College and Citizens for Public Justice will host a federal election forum on Tues, Apr 8 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (29 Westmount Rd. S., Waterloo). Hear from experts and local candidates on key issues: climate change; poverty; immigrant, refugee, and migrant rights. Register at <https://shorturl.at/LUVWZ>.

Are you a first aider, nurse, or medical doctor? The wardens are compiling a list of people willing to help in the case of a medical emergency during worship or church event. Please contact the wardens at wardens@stjohn316.com if you can help in this way.

Migrant Farm Workers Ministry is looking for donations of clean, gently used men's (some women's) spring clothing for the migrant workers. Shirts, T-shirts, light jackets, trousers/jeans, socks, hoodies, and work

gloves are required. Hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste) are also helpful. Items should be left in the bins in the Narthex or outside the UPH on Sundays only.

In lieu of clothing, monetary donations may be made by cheque payable to Church of St. John the Evangelist with **Outreach migrant workers** written on the memo line. **Envelopes marked Outreach migrant workers** will be on the tables outside the UPH and should be left in the offertory plate. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. The last day for donations is Easter Sunday (Apr 20). If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Cliff at cliff.rosemary@yahoo.com.

Twice-weekly E-mailings keep the St. John's community informed. A Wednesday evening **Check-in** and a Saturday evening **Worship** mailing will keep you up-to-date with our worship life and our parish and community events. E-mail church@stjohn316.com to subscribe.

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 *e-mail Check-in* or Sunday's *Bulletin* should be submitted **by Tuesday at 10 am**. E-mail church@stjohn316.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Financial Contributions may be made to St. John's by...

1. **Placing an offering into the plates** located in the narthex and near the baptismal font.
2. **Mail** using offering envelopes. Send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. N. Kitchener ON N2H 5A4
3. **Dropping off** cash donations at the church office using the mail slot in the Water Street door. Be sure to include your name on the envelope.
4. **Pick-up** by an Errand Buddy.
5. **Signing up** for (or make changes to) Direct Electronic Funds Transfer. Contact the office at giving@stjohn316.com.
6. **Credit Card** via [Canada Helps](#) either on a one-time basis or monthly. Canada Helps takes 3.75%, gives a tax receipt to you and provides a report to us!

Weekend Parking is available at the WLU Faculty of Social Work parking lot on College St., above Duke. Note that College is one-way *from* Weber to Duke. A downtown Kitchener parking map can be found here: <https://shorturl.at/12Xzx>.

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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