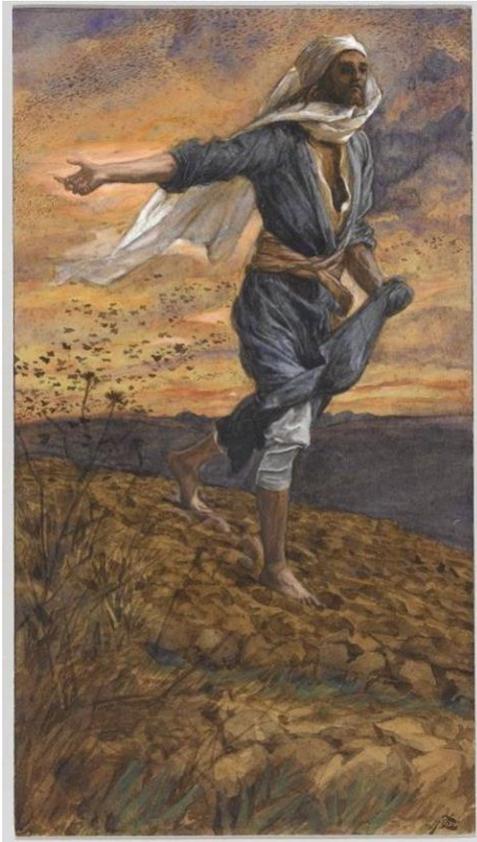


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 12th, 2020**



**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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## MORNING PRAYER AT TEN O'CLOCK

Officiant	Dr. Jay Baker
Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Kett
Readers	Tianna Gocan, Ken Hull
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Organist	Marlin Nagtegaal

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,  
that you have again brought us together  
on the Lord's Day to praise you  
for your goodness and to ask your blessing.  
Give us grace to see your hand  
in the week that is past,  
and your purpose in the week to come;  
through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn v. 1,2     **Lord, We Hear Your Word**

1. Lord, we hear your word with  
gladness: you have spoken - we  
rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom -  
help us make their truth our choice!  
now in holy celebration  
for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus,  
ours today to prove anew.

2. May we hear with understanding,  
by your spirit taught and led;  
may the springs of all our being  
by your living Word be fed;  
may our hearts accept with meekness  
all the grace your light makes known;  
may obedience mark our footsteps  
till we make each word our own!

### Collect of the Day

**Officiant** Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service,  
and in the world to come, see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** Amen.

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Reader** A Reading from the Book of Genesis.  
(Genesis 25:19-34)

*These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him*

*Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.*

**Reader**            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgements.

I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgements.

My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

**Reader** A Reading from the Book of Romans.  
(Romans 8:1-11)

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.*

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 560 v.1**

**God, Whose Almighty Word**

1. God, whose almighty Word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humble pray,  
and where the gospel-day

sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

**Reader** A Reading from the Gospel According to  
Matthew.  
(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

*That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."*

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev'd Paul Kett

Silent Reflection

## Affirmation of Faith

*Officiant*

Let us confess our faith 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

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence*

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for all places of prayer and worship in our community and neighbourhood, that even as we are

separated from each other we may share together in the ministry to which our Lord calls us.

*Reader* Hear us, O God.  
*People* **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to use what you have given in sustainable ways.

*Reader* Hear us, O God.  
*People* **Your mercy is great.**

Reigning God, we pray for leaders of the nations. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace.

*Reader* Hear us, O God.  
*People* **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear and loneliness, give hope. We lift up those who have asked for our prayers, naming them aloud, or remembering them silently. (*A time of silence*).

*Reader* Hear us, O God.  
*People* **Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that even as we remain separated from each other, we might grow as disciples. Replace what we have lost. Sustain our ministries, even in these difficult times, and deepen our relationships with the wider community.

*Reader* Hear us, O God.  
*People* **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

*Reader* Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## **Closing Hymn 565      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey though.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* Gathering our prayers and praises into one let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

*All* Our Father in heaven,  
**hallowed be your name,**

your kingdom come,  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

*Officiant*

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.**

*Officiant*

May the God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

***Preston will be away on vacation July 4th- July 27th.  
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**Parish Administrator**

Rebecca McKay

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# **The Prayers of the People July 12, 2020**

## **IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, The Most Reverend Allan Migi, Archbishop; and for the clergy and people there, and for our mutual mission.

PRAY for Todd, our Bishop; Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Marinez, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Amazonia; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Susan, National Bishop, and Michael, Bishop of the Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

In the Anglican Church of Canada this week we pray for Bishop William Cliff, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the people and rostered ministers of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

## **IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

PRAY for parishes, people and clergy in Essex Deanery, and especially this week for the Parish of Oldcastle which includes St. Stephen's Church, Oldcastle; and the Church of the Redeemer, Colchester North; and also for St. Mary's/Calvary, Peelee Island; and Christ Church, Colchester;

## **FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE**

PRAY for the Diocese of Amazonia, companion diocese of the Diocese of Huron, for its ministry and mission, and for the people it serves. Pray for the Right Reverend Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto, Bishop of Amazonia.

## **FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KITCHENER**

WE PRAY this week for Marie Peacock, Pat Perrin, Vera Peterson, Pat Reeve, and their families.

## **FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL**

Colleen, Pat, Tracy, Marlin, John and Family, Nicholas, Catherine, Miriam, John, Cy, Guy, Connor, Emily, Ron and Anne, Melanie, Alison, Jennifer, Franco, Joe and Gabrielle, David, Scott, Andrea, James, Linda, Wayne, Ida, Catherine, Carman, Heather, Sherri, Ann, Sheila, Farzana, Scott, Vivian, Carla, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Jennifer, Kristine.

## **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the bishop and clergy of our Deanery, ministers of the Gospel everywhere, and leaders of other faith groups, as they face continuing challenges to performing effective ministry during these days. Ask for strength, encouragement, and wisdom. Pray for rest and refreshment during vacation time. May they know our love for them and our deep appreciation for all they are doing for us and for the church. Help us to know and to understand that the church continues, even when our worship together is temporarily suspended. May we embrace this temporary change as part of our calling to care for all people.

PRAY for the health of people throughout the world, and in our won community as we continue to deal with the Covid 19 virus. Be with those who are ill, those who care for the sick, and with the families of all who have died due to this illness. Give us wisdom to find the best way to keep ourselves safe, and a deep consideration for how our actions may affect others. Help us to find patience to deal with all things that may seem to inconvenience us, and to find joy and happiness in the small things each day.

PRAY for our neighbours, and all in our community, who live in poverty, and with addiction, homelessness, lack of employment, and lack of self-worth. Pray especially for those particularly vulnerable in this time of pandemic. Give thanks and pray for all social agencies that provide care, attention, and a human presence in this time of loneliness and confusion.

## **Parish and Community Announcements**

**St. John's Garden Contest Fundraiser!** We are thrilled to present our newest fundraising venture! We at St. John's have a distinct green thumb. Now is the chance to showcase your green passion.

Parishioners are invited to submit their gardens in 12 different categories. We are all invited to vote for our favourite gardens! The winners of each category will be featured in a special 2021 calendar. The grand prize winner (chosen by a juror) will be featured on the cover of the calendar, receive a \$100 gift card graciously donated by Colour Paradise Greenhouses.

**Entries are \$10 each.**

**Votes cost \$1 each (minimum purchase of 5 votes).**

**Submissions and votes can be cast on our new portion of the St. John's website!**

The categories are as follows

- Best Annuals Garden
- Best Perennial Garden
- Best New Garden
- Best Planter or Hanger
- Best Balcony or Patio Garden
- Best Indoor Garden
- Best Food Garden
- Best Curb Appeal
- Best Nighttime Garden
- Best Roses
- Best Water Feature
- Best Hedge/Shrub Trimming and Pruning

Submissions close July 25

Voting begins July 27 and closes August 10

Winners will be announced August 23

**For more information, rules, and submissions go to**  
**<https://www.stjohn316.com/st-johns-garden-contest/>**

**Food Not Bombs Call for Help** Every week, as Food Not Bombs and the Kitchen Co-op (partner with St John's) use our church kitchen to prepare food to be given away to unsheltered and marginalized people. We use 750 gm and 500 gm yogurt tubs (or similar size) that we sanitize in our dishwasher first. We use about 50 of these per week, so there is a consistent need for them.

Could you please save these for us, wash them, and drop them off in the Food Not Bombs large Rubbermaid tub that is just inside the Duke Street doors. Drop off times are Wednesday 2 - 7:30 and Friday 2 - 4. Someone from the Social Development Centre will answer the door bell and receive these. Thank you all.

**Office Summer Hours** The *virtual* office is open **Wednesday-Friday 9am-noon** for the months of July and August. Calls and emails will only be answered during those hours. Meetings for Preston and Rebecca will only be held virtually, by phone or over zoom. Neither Preston nor Rebecca are currently working from the church building.

**Errand Buddy** Do you require assistance during this uncertain time? Do you need help getting groceries, prescriptions, and other essential items? Are you a high-risk individual who should remain in the home? We have a growing roster of "Errand Buddies" who are offering up assistance to those in our congregation who need it. If you require assistance from this ministry, please contact the main office by phone (519-743-0228) or by email [church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com) and we will set you up with someone in your area.

**Donation Options** There are many ways you can continue your contributions to St. John's

1. Send weekly envelopes in the mail. You can send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. North Kitchener ON N2H 5A4
2. Drop off cash donations to the office through the mail slot in the office door. Write your name on the envelope!

3. Have an Errand Buddy pick up your donation.
4. Sign up for, or make changes to your DEFT by contacting the office (519-743-0228 or [church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com)).
5. Donate Online through Canada Helps by credit card. You can set up recurring, or one time donations. Canada Helps takes 4% but also provides the tax receipt directly to you and provides a donation report to us! [Here's the link](#)

**Communication and Email** If you are not on our email list, please drop us a line so we can update and add you onto our list! This is also a great time to provide us with updated contact information so we can make sure we continue to communicate with each other! Drop a line to the office at [church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com)