

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 13th 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	Marilyn Malton
Preacher	The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons
Readers	Ken Hull, The Rev'd Paul Kett
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Corinne Dutton
Singers	Rebecca McKay, Jonathan Malton, Bill Hutton, and Bruce Wheatcroft

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude                Nun beut die Flur - From Haydn's *Creation*  
*Rebecca McKay - Soprano*

Fresh greenery has now appeared on the meadows  
Offering delight to the eyes.  
The lovely view is  
Lifted higher by the gentle decoration of the flowers.  
Herbs smell of balm here;  
The cures for wounds are sprouting here.  
The branches bend down under the weight of golden fruit;  
The group of trees forms a vault here and offers cool protection,  
The steep mountain crowns a thick forest.

*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.**

## Lament Psalm 142

I cry to the Lord with my voice; \*  
to the Lord I make loud supplication.

I pour out my complaint before him \*  
and tell him all my trouble.

When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; \*  
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; \*  
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

I cry out to you, O Lord; \*  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."

Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; \*  
save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.

Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name;  
\*

when you have dealt bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gather around me.

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.

## Collect of the Day

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.  
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your  
service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty  
of the children of God;  
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 45:1-15)

*Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.*

*Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all*

*his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.*

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

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 Letter of Paul to the Romans.  
(Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32)

*I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.*

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

## Gradual Hymn 343

## When All Thy Mercies, O My God

1. When all thy mercies, O my God,  
my rising soul surveys,  
transported with the view, I'm lost  
in wonder, love, and praise
5. Through all eternity to thee  
a joyful song I'll raise;  
for O, eternity's too short  
to utter all thy praise!

**Reader** A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.  
(Matthew 15:10-28)

*Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."*

*Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the*



## The Prayers of the People

Confident of your care, and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for those of our own and other faiths in our community and neighbourhood, that even as we are distanced from each other we may be faithful in the ministry to which our Lord calls us.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Strengthen farm workers and market gardeners as they provide us with the earth's bounty under difficult conditions.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. We pray for the people and government of Lebanon, after the devastating explosion in Beirut; we pray also for the people of Scotland as they grieve loss and injury in the wake of a train derailment; and for those who died and were injured in the attack on the Anglican cathedral in South Sudan.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, towns, and cities, and for those who need your healing. We include those we now name aloud or remember in silence. (*A time of silence*).

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you, even as we are separated from each other. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission and ministry in your name.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, join us also with them on the great day of your salvation.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## **Closing Hymn 293    Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old**

1. Your hands, O Lord, in day of old  
were strong to heal and save;  
they triumphed over pain and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave.  
To you they went, the blind, the mute,  
the palsied and the lame,

the leper set apart and shunned,  
the sick and those in shame.

2. And then your touch brought life and health,  
gave speech and strength of sight;  
and youth renewed, with health restored,  
claimed you, the Lord of light.  
And so, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty now as then,  
in every street, in every home,  
in every troubled friend.
3. O be our mighty healer still,  
O lord of life and death;  
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless  
with your almighty breath.  
On hands that work and eyes that see,  
your healing wisdom pour,  
that whole and sick and weak and strong  
may praise you evermore.

### 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.**

### Announcements

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

Concerto in B minor - Walter

***If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact The Rector, Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons rector@stjohn316.com or leave a message with the office at 519-743-0228. In case of emergencies you can contact him at 519-573-7797***

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The Reverend Paul Kett

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Rebecca McKay

Juan, de Flandes, approximately 1465-1519. The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55921> [retrieved August 13, 2020]. Original source:

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# **The Prayers of the People August 16, 2020**

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

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Reverend Mark Strange, Primus and Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness , and for our mutual ministry. Pray especially for the people of Scotland as they mourn the loss and injury of loved ones in a train crash.

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 Geoff Woodcroft, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the dean, council, and congregations of the West Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

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

PRAY for parishes, people and clergy in Huron/Perth Deanery, and especially this week for the Parishes of Holy Trinity, Lucan; St. Thomas', Seaforth; and St. Paul's, Palmerston.

## **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 Merrian Smith, George and Margaret Strack, Charles Stuart and Christine Purdon, Thomas Mohan, and their families.

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

Colleen, Pat, Tracy, Marlin, John and Family, Nicholas, Catherine, 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, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Jennifer, Kristine, Kyle, Sherri, Elysse, Percival and Janet

## **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

We remember Miriam Butler who died this week.

## **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, during these days of continued disruption. Pray for rest and refreshment during vacation time. Help us to support them and to know and to understand that the church continues, even when our worship together is temporarily suspended. As we prepare for more change, may we still find ways to fulfill our calling to care for all people.

PRAY for the health of people throughout the world, and in our own community as we continue to deal with the Covid19 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 keep ourselves safe, and to show 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 especially for all who are

disadvantaged by hunger, homelessness, mental illness, and unemployment. We give thanks for those in our community who are working to provide temporary shelter for those who have no place to go.

## **Parish and Community Announcements**

**Fourth Sunday Sing-a-long** I remember car trips from my youth, when we'd pack up & head out, singing along with Karlheinz Stockhausen, Doris Day, Randy Bachman, Barry Gibb, Sharon Lois & Bram, or whomever, on the cassette or 8-track. Yes, those "car tapes" were an important part of it all. The singing was easy, and everyone knows we sounded at least as good as they did! Probably better.

Here's your chance to do that again, as we introduce the St John's **Fourth Sunday Singalong** of a congregational hymn for Sunday worship. We tried this recently, with great success, and hope to continue as a way of participating in worship together while we can't meet or sing praises in the same place.

For the fourth Sunday in August (23rd), the closing hymn is *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*. Join with our choir in this unison hymn by recording yourself singing along with them, *just like a car tape!* We already have several members of the congregation who will be participating. You and your COVID bubble could be next.

Here's how it works: A small group from our choir have recorded the hymn for the 4th Sunday, with organ, and you are invited to sing along, in your own home, using your headset, and record yourself on your computer or smartphone. Send the recording to me (Jonathan Malton at [jmalton@gto.net](mailto:jmalton@gto.net)), and I will mix all the recordings, including similar ones from our choir members, into a **Congregational Choral Collaboration** hymn to be part of our Sunday *online and by-telephone* worship service. If you're interested, then please email me, & I will send you the audio track, the music for the hymn, and instructions. No single voice will be prominent in the final mix.

Let's sing together, while we're apart!

Jonathan Malton ([jmalton@gto.net](mailto:jmalton@gto.net))

### **St. John's Garden Contest Fundraiser**

**VOTING IS CLOSED.** We will announce the winners of the contest on August 23rd at Coffee Hour. Best of luck to all the contestants!

**From the Office** The *virtual* office is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am-noon. 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.

**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 3.75% but also provides the tax receipt directly to you and provides a donation report to us! [Here's the link](#)