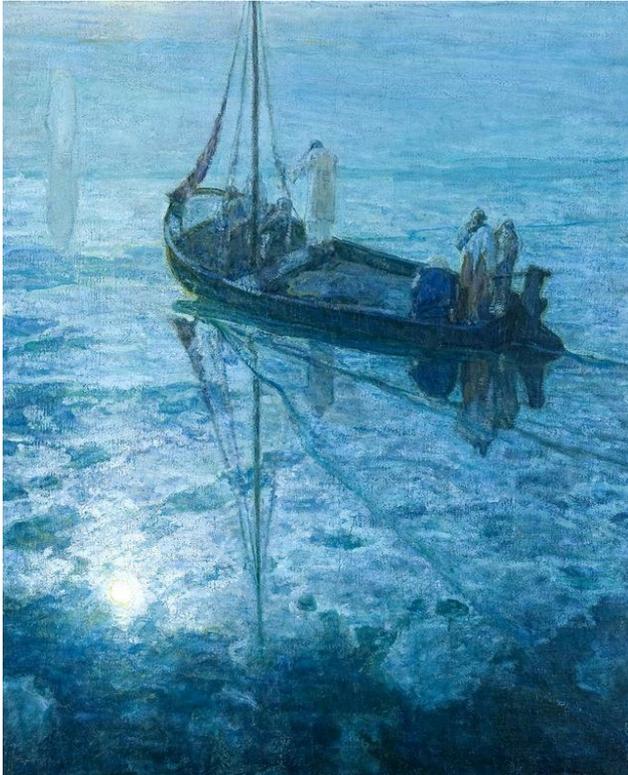


ORDER OF SERVICE
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 9th 2020



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 & Preacher	The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons
Readers	Tianna Gocan, Ken Cardwell, Ann Coughlin
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Bill Hutton
Singers	Sandra Roy, Laura Doric Jay Baker, Jonathan Malton

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Meditation – Peter Hurford

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 330

O Praise Ye the Lord

1. O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.
4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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 37:1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I

am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6,16-22, 45c

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave

They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.

The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as master over his household, *
as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will *
And to teach his elders wisdom.

That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

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 10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and dries away our fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.
5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 14:22-33)

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons

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

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

For your whole church throughout the world: Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we may see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow the Christ wherever he leads. 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.**

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand.

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

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace embrace each other. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. We pray for those suffering this day, especially the people of Beirut in the aftermath of destruction, injury, and death.

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

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are struggling, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, loneliness, and depression, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. Be with those who endanger their own health by serving others in this community. We pray for those suffering this day, naming them aloud, or remembering them in silence. (*A time of silence*).

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

For our congregation. Even as we continue to gather for worship in a virtual way, we give thanks for the ability to worship you. We pray for all who are new to this community. We pray for students, teachers, and parents, in the uncertainty of what school will look like this fall. We pray for all who struggle with unexpected hardship in this uncertain time of pandemic. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself.

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 527 (St. Denio) How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake!

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

Whitkirk Carillon – Giles Taylor

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 Prayers of the People August 9, 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda, The Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop and Bishop of Shyira, for the clergy and people, and for our mutual ministry.

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 Robert Hardwick, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the dean, council, and congregations of the Northern 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 Trinity Church, Bayfield; and the Parish of Goderich, which includes St. George's Church, Goderich, and Christ Church, Port Albert.

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 Judy Shantz, Barb Shaw, Angus and Deb Sheach, Lynda Smith, 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, and Elysse, Miriam,

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 we continue to deal with challenges to performing effective ministry during these days. Pray for rest and refreshment during vacation time. Help us to support them and to respect 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, and 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.

Parish and Community Announcements

Fourth Sunday Singalong I remember car trips from my youth, when we'd pack up & head out, singing along with Freddy Mercury, Gordon Lightfoot, Maria Callas, the Beatles, or whomever, on the cassette or 8-track. Yes, those "car

tapes" were an important part of it all. The singing was easy, and we sounded at least as good as they did!

Here's your chance to do that again, as we introduce the St John's **Fourth Friday 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.

Here's how it works: A small group from our choir will record a hymn for the 4th Sunday, with organ or piano, 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), 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.

Let's sing together, while we're apart!
Jonathan Malton (jmalton@gto.net)

St. John's Garden Contest Fundraiser VOTING IS OPEN

Voting is open for our inaugural Garden Contest. You can vote on our website by purchasing votes for your favourite gardens. The gardens are pictured with corresponding numbers. You can select the garden from the dropdown menu and choose the amount of votes you wish to purchase and add to cart.

Votes cost \$1 each (we are asking for a minimum purchase of 5 votes).

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

Voting begins August 1 and closes August 15
Winners will be announced August 23

For info, and voting go to

<https://www.stjohn316.com/st-johns-garden-contest/>

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).
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](#)