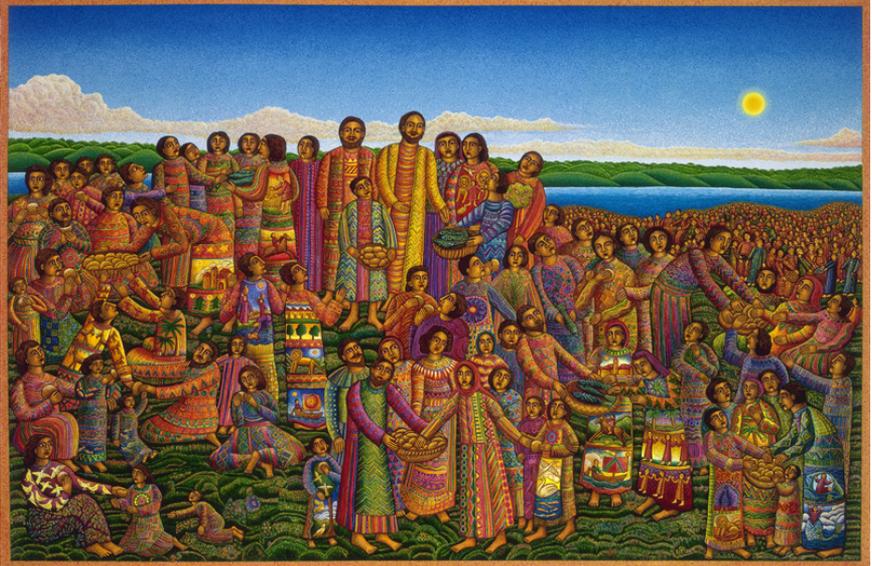


ORDER OF SERVICE
Ninths Sunday After Pentecost
August 2nd 2020



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	Dave Sapelak, Ken Hull, Deb Sheach
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Corinne Dutton
Singers	Lynda Smith, Bonnee Brohman, Jay Baker, Jonathan Malton

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Sonata I: Andante - Felix Mendelssohn

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 31:1-5, 14-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save 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,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
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 32:22-31)

*The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two
maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the
Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and*

likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17:1-7,16

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offence with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, *
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

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 9:1-5)

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn 72 Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is food indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread,
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.
2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built on thee.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 14:13-21)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion

for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. 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.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires.

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

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you.

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

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering, loneliness, and despair, and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. Be with those who struggle with Covid19, those who are recovering, and the families and friends of all who have died from this virus. We include those we name aloud, or remember in silence. (*A time of silence*).

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

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our parish such a welcoming heart that, even in this time of distancing and separation, our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter.

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

You gather your saints as one, uniting the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known

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 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1. The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry

for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

5. We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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
Whitlock

Festival Toccata - Percy

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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Parish Administrator

Rebecca McKay

The Prayers of the People August 2, 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the new Province of Alexandria, created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, for Archbishop Mouneer, the clergy and people.

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 Bishops Lydia Mamakwa, Larry Beardy, and Morris Fidler; the clergy and people of the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Area 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 Parishes of St. Mary's (Walkerville), Windsor; St. Matthew's Church, Windsor; and St. Paul's Chapel, Windsor

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 Wendy Scagnetti, Marc and Valerie Schaeffer, Paul and Yvonne Shaffelburg, Shan and Manel Shanmuganathan, 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,

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, AND THOSE FOR WHOM FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

We pray for The Ven. Cy Ladds, 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, 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

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](#)