

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 13th 2020 10am**



**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	Angus Sheach, David Sapelak, Ann Coughlin
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Marlin Nagtegaal
Singer	Kevin Bradshaw

## 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.**

### Hymn 553 (x3)

### Ubi Caritas et Amor

1. Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas,  
Deus ibi est.

*Where charity and love prevail,  
God is there.*

## Collect of the Day

**Officiant** Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
you call your Church to witness  
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
Help us so to proclaim  
the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may turn to you;  
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 Exodus.  
(Exodus 14:19-31)

*The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its*

*normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.*

**Reader**            The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 114 (sung by Kevin Bradshaw)

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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 14:1-12)

*Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.*

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

**Reader** A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.  
(Matthew 18:21-35)

*Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand*



**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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence*

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and children's programs, confirmation classes, and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for members of all faith communities in our neighbourhood, that we may find ways to work together to serve the needs of this community, even as we are distanced from each other.

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

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world.

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

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom.

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

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labour; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who are hungry, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. We include all who have asked us to pray for them, naming them aloud, or remembering them silently. (*A time of silence*).

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

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbours.

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

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you.

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

*All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.***

## 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 heal should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never, - no, never - no, never forsake!

### Announcements

#### 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.**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Praeludium in C, opening section  
D. Buxtehude

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rector@stjohn316.com or leave a message with the  
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contact him at 519-573-7797***

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# **Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 12 2020**

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

Pray for the Anglican Church of South America, The Most Reverend Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop and Bishop of Argentina, and for our common mission and ministry.

PRAY for Todd, our Bishop; Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia, our companion Diocese; 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 Archbishop Melissa Skelton, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week pray for the staff of the British Columbia Synod.

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

PRAY for parishes in Kent Deanery, this week praying especially for the Anglican Parish of Rondeau Bay which includes Trinity Church, Blenheim; St. Paul's Church, Erieau; and Grace Church, Rondeau Park.

## **FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE**

Pray for the Diocese of Amazonia, for Bishop Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassoto, Bishop, and for our common mission and ministry.

## **FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

WE PRAY this week for Ken Wiltse, Douglas and Sharon Woodley, John and Jean Wright, Mavis and John Badham, and their families.

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

Colleen, Pat, Tracy, Marlin, John and Family, Nicholas, Catherine, John, 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, Kyle, Sherri, Elysse, Percival and Janet, Mike, Chris

## **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the Bishop, Archdeacon, regional Dean and clergy of our Deanery, ministers of the Gospel everywhere, and leaders of other faith groups, especially during these times of stress and change. As we prepare for more change, may we continue to 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 face challenges in our lives. Pray for teachers, students, and parents as schools attempt to re-open. Be with those who care for the sick and those who face increased health compromise in these days. Pray especially for all who are disadvantaged by hunger, homelessness, mental illness, and unemployment. Give thanks for those in our community who are working to provide temporary shelter for those who have nowhere to call home.

## **Parish and Community Announcements**

**Calling all sewers!** When we are allowed back in the church building for in person services we need to have some cloth masks on hand to give to people who forget their mask. Have you been sewing masks and are willing to create a few for St. John's to give away? Contact Sharon Sapelak (519-503-5241 or [sapelak@golden.net](mailto:sapelak@golden.net)) and let her know. She can arrange for an errand buddy to pick them up if needed. We'll need the first set of masks by September 19

**From the Office** The office is open virtually as Rebecca works from home. **Calls and emails will be answered Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm.** Any use of church building or visits to the office will be BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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

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