

ORDER OF SERVICE
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 27th 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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our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms
and sheltered us against the storm.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
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 17:1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

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
Philippians. (Philippians 2:1-13)

*If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation
from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and
sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind,
having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility*

regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 270 Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise

1. Lamb of God, to thee we raise
hymns of holy love and praise
for the saint and prophet born
to be herald of the morn.
2. Like the morning star he rose,
thine appearing to disclose;
like an ensign lifted high,
he declared thy kingdom nigh.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 21:23-32)

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism

**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

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful, and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. 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.

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

Your Son took on all bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord.

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

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our

cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority.

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

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. We include all who have asked for our prayers, naming them aloud, or remembering them in silence. (*A time of silence*).

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

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Be with us as we return to worship in our church building. Help us to respect the differences in the way we will worship, so that we may be safe ourselves, and ensure the safety of others. Give us patience in this time of transition. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbours.

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

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death.

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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 386

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
4. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

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.**

Organ Postlude

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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Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 27 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, The Most Reverend Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop, and Bishop of Khartoum, 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 the Bishop, people, and clergy of The Territory of the People.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes in Kent Deanery, this week praying especially for the Parish of the Transfiguration which includes St. Stephen's Church, Thamesville; Christ Church, Dresden; and the Church of the Advent, Ridgetown.

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 Tamsin and Matt Cobb, Kent and Cheryl Ewald, Stuart and Kim Green, Nancy Hainsworth, and their families.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND FOR WHOM FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Benne and Renie Andersen, John and Ruth Rumpel, and Joshua Rumpel. A gift of the family.

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, Lee, Tianna

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 change. As some return to worship in church buildings, and others choose to be a part of virtual worship experiences, may we be mindful of each other, and patient with changes that will of necessity occur more slowly than we may like. Help us continue to find ways to fulfill our calling to care for all people.

Parish and Community Announcements

October 20–24, Upper Parish Hall, Church of St. John the Evangelist

Tuesday, October 20 10 am – 2 pm
Wednesday, October 21 10 am – 7 pm
Thursday, October 22 10 am – 2 pm
Friday, October 23 10 am – 2 pm
Saturday, October 24 10 am – 4 pm

Are you downsizing and looking to offload crates of old books?

Are you upsizing and hoping to fill those unsightly gaps in your bookshelves?

Are you somewhere in between and intent on replacing old and familiar titles with new and unfamiliar ones?

If you responded affirmatively to any of these queries, boy, do we have a treat for you! Next month St. John's will be holding a sale of used books. And by "used" we mean pre-owned: books that have been lightly held, gently used, lovingly read, and remain in good condition.

We already have a sizeable trove of titles from recent donations, but we need more. So please accept this as an invitation to cull your own collection with a view to making a donation.

- Children's books are particularly welcome for donation; so too are CDs, DVDs, games, and puzzles.
- Please note that travel guides, atlases, Harlequin romances, Readers Digest Condensed Books, and all magazines and newspaper are not welcome for donation.
- Donated items must be delivered in cardboard boxes. Donations can be made at the Duke Street entrance during the book receiving/sorting period (see below) as well as before or after in-person church services.
- The first day of the sale on Tuesday, October 20, will be reserved for congregants at St. John's exclusively.
- The sale will take place in the Upper Parish Hall with access from the Duke Street entrance.

All proceeds from the sale will go to fund mission and ministry at St. John's. We need volunteers for this fundraising event. If you have the time and the inclination to don your mask, sanitize your hands, and come down to spend a few hours of safe, physically distanced time in the church building, we would appreciate your help. Those willing and able to volunteer are invited to contact Andrea Balfour at 519 501 2016 or andrea@andersonbalfour.com.

Book Receiving/Sorting Schedule

Wednesday, September 23 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Tuesday, September 29 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday, September 30 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Thursday, October 1 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Tuesday, October 6 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday, October 7 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Thursday, October 8 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

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](#)