

ORDER OF SERVICE
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11th 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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4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
in our baptism you adopted us for your own.
Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,
may worship you in sincerity and truth;
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 32:1-14)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early

the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favour you have
for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshipped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their saviour, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

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 4:1-9)

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long
for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my
beloved.*

*I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in
the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help
these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work
of the gospel, to together with Clement and the rest of my
co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not*

worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 442 Great God, Your Love Has Called

1. Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
you living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 22:1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets,

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Gracious God, you send from your abundance the people, talents, and resources needed for all the ministries of your church. We give thanks for the work you have accomplished through your people, and we pray for your continued blessings in our ministry together. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for members of all faith communities in our neighbourhood, that we may find purpose in working together to serve the needs of this community.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

Bountiful God, you feed us through the richness of the land, water, sunlight, and ample crops. Bless all those who cultivate the land to bring forth its bounty, especially farmers, market gardeners, and migrant workers. We thank you for the beauty of nature that surrounds us in the colours and shades of trees and other vegetation.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you order our lives by your providence. We give you thanks for laws, infrastructure, and leadership that structures and supports our common life together. Align our purposes with your own, so that all our undertakings might bring you glory.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you open our hearts in compassion for one another. We give your thanks for the care and healing received through the hands and actions of your servants. Send us to love those most in need of your mercy, including those we now name aloud, or remember silently. (*A time of silence*).

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

Hospitable God, you connect and strengthen us through new and different means of communication with family and friends. In this time of thanksgiving, steer us from passive receiving to active response, from old quarrels to reconciliation, and from overconsumption to true gratitude.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the love and care we have received from saints who have gone before us. By their example, enrich the generosity of our witness to others.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

Listen as we call on you in thankfulness, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Hymn 399

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now Thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

3. All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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

Now Thank We - Karg-Elert

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 October 11 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda, The Most Reverend Stephen Samuel Kaziimba, Archbishop, and Bishop of Kampala, 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 Bishop David Lehmann, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia.

With our partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we pray for people and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes in Kent Deanery, this week praying especially for the people and parishes of St. James the Apostle, Port Lambton; and St. James the Apostle, Wallaceburg.

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 Peter and Sue Mansell, Jennifer Pfister, Kristine Prytula, Tina Rose, and their families.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THOSE WE REMEMBER TODAY

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Jim and Gladys Guthrie and Charlie and Dorothy Emery and Catherine. A gift of David and Enid Emery.

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, Todd and Rebecca

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.

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. 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

Book Sale!

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

Tues.	Oct.13	10 am to 12 noon
Wed.	Oct.14	10 am to 12 noon
Thurs.	Oct. 14	10 am to 12 noon.

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](#)

Pudding Factory Update

Unfortunately after 72 years of St. John's November's Pudding Factory, Covid has managed to shut us down! With the number of cases rising and the uncertainty around numbers allowed in indoor places, plus the need for social distancing which meant one of the very important parts of

our Factory (break time together) could not happen, plus our aging workers, it seemed like the only thing to do. However, stay tuned for information about our NON PUDDING PUDDING FACTORY in the near future. Special thanks to those of you who offered to help this year. Judy Shantz, Pudding Coordinator

Monica Place For more than 50 years, Monica Place has been providing a residence, supportive housing, training and counselling for young mothers and their babies in Waterloo and Cambridge.

St. John's has supported Monica Place each fall with donations of clothing and other items needed to support these young mothers. Now the threat of the Covid virus has limited what we can donate to this community organization. So now, rather than donating items Monica Place would really appreciate donations of gift cards or cheques. Gift cards for grocery stores or drug stores are appreciated but especially practical are Walmart cards because of the wide variety of items that can be purchased.

If you would like to make a donation, you can drop it off at the church office by dropping it through the mail slot in the front door. Please indicate the dollar amount on the card and also mark on the envelope ACW FOR MONICA PLACE. If it is more convenient, you can deliver it to Sandra Roy's home mailbox. Sandra lives near Belmont Village. Alternatively, you can leave it at Nancy Chittick's mailbox. Nancy lives near St. Jacobs market. We would just ask that you let either Nancy or Sandra know if you are dropping something off so that they will know to watch for it. Our addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory. Nancy's email is: npchit@golden.net and Sandra's is: roysandra26@gmail.com

***Donations will be collected until October 26.

***Checks should be made out to Monica Place.

*** Please note that income tax receipts are issued for only cash or cheques (\$20.00 minimum) NOT for gift cards. Be sure to include your name and address if you want an income