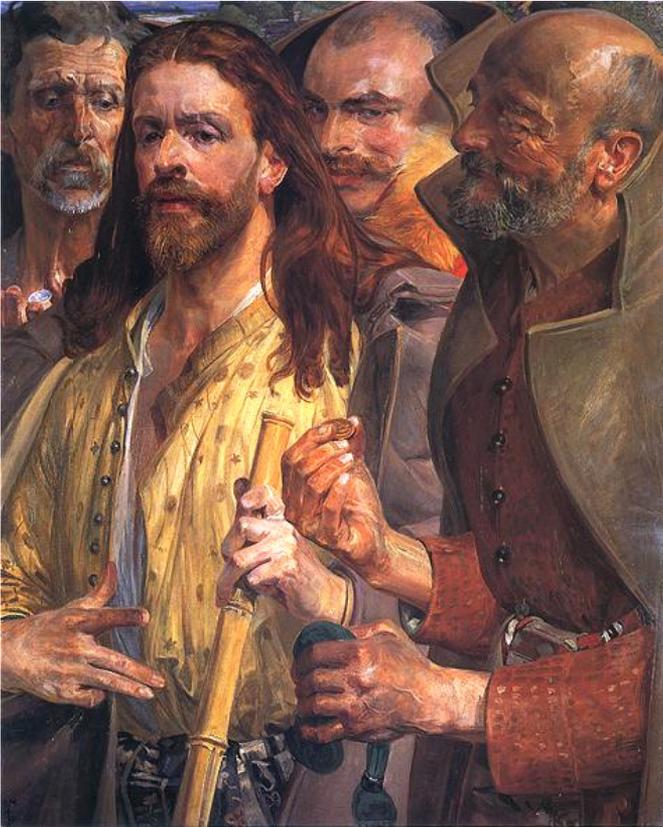


ORDER OF SERVICE
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 18th 2020 10am



**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	Jonathan Malton, Tianna Gocan
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organists & Pianist	Marlin Nagtegaal, Susan Nagtegaal Bonnee Brohman
Singers	Bonnee Brohman, Jonathan Malton, Kevin Bradshaw

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude	He was Despised and Rejected from Handel's <i>Messiah</i> <i>Kevin Bradshaw - Bass ; Bonnee Brohman - Piano</i>
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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.

The community prays silently.

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 327 v.2,3

Lo, God Is Here! Let Us Adore

2. Lo, God is here! Both day and night
united choirs of angels sing;
to God, enthroned above all height;
heaven's host their noblest praises bring;
d disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,
who praise you with a stammering tongue.
3. Being of beings, may our praise
your courts with grateful fragrance fill;
still may we stand before your face,
still hear and do your sovereign will;
to you may all our thoughts arise,
ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 33:12-23)

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know

you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Psalm 99

Kevin Bradshaw

The Lord is king;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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
church in Thessalonica. (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

*Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.*

*We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you
in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labour of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we
know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to
you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit
and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of
persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you
became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the
Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the*

Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 177

A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord

1. A spendthrift lover is the Lord
who never counts the cost,
or asks if heaven can afford
to woo a world that's lost.
Our lover tosses coins of gold
across the midnight skies,
and stokes the sun against the cold
to warm us when we rise.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 22:15-22)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

thanks for your servant Luke the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. 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 Lord, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made.

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

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth.

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

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt, naming them aloud, or remembering them silently. (*A time of silence*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that, in love and with mercy, you call them each by name.

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

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known and celebrated.

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

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up the memory of those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all.

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

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 381

Praise, My Soul

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing,
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.
5. Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

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

Freu dich sehr - Boehm

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 18 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Episcopal Church, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, 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 Lynne McNaughton, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kootenay.

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

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes in Lambton Deanery, this week praying especially for the people and parishes of Christ Church, Forest; St. John's Church, Kettle Point; St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Brights Grove; and St. Paul's Church, Point Edward.

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 Robert Somerville and Virginia Marshall, Edward and Joyce Thompson, Helen Bricker, Helen Daley, 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, 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.

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](#)

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

Notice of Special Vestry Meeting

A special Vestry meeting will take place Sunday Nov 1 at 11:15am, during our regular Zoom coffee hour, to fill the People's Warden vacancy.

The meeting will be held by Zoom, phoning in to Zoom, and in-person in the Parish Hall for those who do not have easy access to Zoom. More details and arrangements to come.