

ORDER OF SERVICE
Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost
October 25th 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	The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons
Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Kett
Readers	Deb Sheach, Dave Sapelak
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Marlin Nagtegaal
Singers	Sandra Roy, Sunny (Sonja) Ticknor-Malton, Jay Baker, Johnathan Malton

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Behold the Lamb of God - H. Willan

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 528 v.1,6

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
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 Deuteronomy.
(Deuteronomy 34:1-12)

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not

abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *
and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

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 2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Gradual Hymn 487 v.1,6 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1. Where charity and love prevail,
there god is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed
if honoured be god's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 22:34-46)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev'd Paul Kett

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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

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

A brief silence

In your love, you speak to your church. Give courage and the bond of love to all who gather in your name, that this love may turn us toward our neighbours. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for members of all faith communities in our neighbourhood, that we may be purposeful in working together to serve the needs of this community.

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

In your love, you create our earth filled with living things of every kind. Sustain the intricate connections among plants, insects, animals, and organisms we don't even know or recognize. Bless the work of scientists who help us learn to care for the natural world.

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

In your love, you guide with justice. Inspire leaders for truthful conversations and wise policies, that decisions are made for the good of all.

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

In your love, you tenderly care for your children and nurse them to health. Bring relief to all those who long for healing, hope, or restoration this day, naming them aloud, or remembering them in silence. (A time of silence).

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

In your love, you accompany us in life's transitions. We pray for new parents, those grieving a loss, those who are retiring, and those embarking on new ventures.

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

In your love, we remember those who were dear to us and now rest in you. We give thanks for Martin Luther, and for all who seek to reform and renew your church. Give us courage to live out your gospel, revealing your love until our days on earth have ended.

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 565

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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

Toccata in d - J.S. Bach (?)*

**The attribution of the Toccata and Fugue in D minor to Bach has been challenged since the 1970s by a number of scholars.*

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 25 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Church in Wales, the Most Reverend John Davies, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea & Brecon, 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, Coadjutor-Bishop Elect John Robert Stephens, the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster.

With our friends in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we pray for an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes in Lambton Deanery, this week praying especially for the people and parishes of Christ Church, Petrolia; St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy; St. James Church, Parkhill; and Canon Davis Memorial Church, Sarnia.

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 James Emslie, Margaret Frederick, Bob Jones, Elsie Jorden, 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, Jeannie.

Barb and Family thanks for the prayers.

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

Notice of Special Vestry Meeting, November 1st 2020

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.

Why a special vestry, and why so soon?

It is certainly tempting--and a bit simpler--to wait till the next vestry comes around in January. But there are many fiduciary, canonical, and legal responsibilities that are shared between the People's Warden and the Rector's Warden, responsibilities that are not shared, in a formal and legal sense, with the deputy wardens. The canonical solution to filling the sort of vacancy we are facing, when the elected warden steps down, is to have a Special Vestry.

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

**News from Omas Siskona KW.
From NOW to NOVEMBER 13, 2020**

It's scrabble time again!! This year, we are of course not able to host our Scrabble and Marketplace fundraiser in person, but we are going ahead and doing it "Covidly"!!

Visit 2020 VIRTUAL MARKET "COVIDLY"

Forget Amazon, this is on-line shopping at its best and most local.

Just before Christmas too! Fabulous Gift Baskets, Quilting, Knitting, Crochet, Sewing, Cards, Bags of all kinds, Jams and Jellies, Baking on Request, and much more. Local KW artisans present their hand-crafted wares for purchase on line at the **2020 COVID Marketplace** at <https://www.omas-siskonakw.org/>.

Contact producers by phone or email directly for purchase, pick-up or delivery. Arrange payment in cash or by cheque.

All proceeds to the Grandmothers Campaign

(<https://grandmotherscampaign.org/>) of the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of the grandmothers of Sub-Saharan Africa raising their grandchildren orphaned by the AIDS pandemic.

Over the years, many of you have supported us with donations of cash or cheques. I still could receive cheques made out to Omas Siskona and mailed to Ann Coughlin at 66 Coach Hill Drive, Kitchener, N2E 1P4. Or you can visit my personal SLF page and make a secure on-line donation.

<https://slf.akaraisin.com/GrandmothersPledges2020/anncoughlin>