

ORDER OF SERVICE
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 4th 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	Paul Kett, Angus Sheach, Jay Baker
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Singers	Gillian Westwood, Sandra Roy, Lynda Smith
Organist	Marlin Nagtegaal

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Take My Hands and Let Them Be - R. Wenhorst

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 355 1,5,7 All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia!
5. All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care:
alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia!

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit
by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple,
acceptable 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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour

and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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 3:4B-14)

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 459

Christ is Our Cornerstone

1. Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 21:33-46)

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and

get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons

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

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. 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.**

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation, especially Francis of Assisi.

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

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people.

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

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today, and name them aloud, or remember them silently. (*A time of silence*).

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

We pray for all employment managers in our community, and for those who seek employment. Give hope and a future those whose who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities.

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

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labour is complete.

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

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

Hymn 425

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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

Psalm 19 - B. Marcelo

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

Rector

The Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons

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The Reverend Paul Kett

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Marlin Nagtegaal, BMus., MMus., U.M.

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Rebecca McKay

Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 4 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania, The Most Reverend Dr Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop, and Bishop of Tanga, 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-elect Anna Greenwood-Lee, the clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland 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 the Church of the Redeemer, Highgate; St. John's-in-the-Woods, Aughtim; and St. Matthew's, Florence.

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 Dave and Jane Kains, Doug and Lynne Kirton, Koko Musa, Jim and Heather Lackner, 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

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

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

Mon. Oct. 05	10 am to 12 noon
Tues. Oct. 06	10 am to 12 noon
Wed. Oct. 07	10 am to 12 noon
Tues. Oct.13	10 am to 12 noon
Wed. Oct.14	10 am to 12 noon
Thurs. Oct. 14	10 am to 12 noon.

Pudding Factory Updates and Call for Volunteers

WILL THE 72 nd ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S PUDDING FACTORY SURVIVE THE 2020 CORONA VIRUS??? In order to do that, we require a number of people to take on roles in the following key positions. The Pudding Factory will be different this year with no social time. We will all be well spaced with social distancing and wearing masks.

- Greasing Cans
- Measuring Ingredients
- Mixing Puddings
- Filling Cans
- Weighing Cans
- Stamping Down the Pudding
- Covering Cans with "lids"
- STEAMING
- Packaging
- Putting in bags for customer pick-up

As always we will require people to help before we begin our "week" of work to cut wax paper for wrapping all puddings / Cleaning Fruit /Bringing up cans etc from Pudding Factory Room / Setting up tables and Stoves / Unloading ingredients from Ayres.

After the puddings have been steamed we require people to "knock them out" so that they can cool overnight before being wrapped in the previously cut wax paper and then put into gift bags.

Finally Jennifer will have produced labels for all of the pre-orders and we need people to process these orders by putting the correct number and size of the order in another bag with the customer's name on.

We haven't quite decided how we will handle the pick-up this year, it is to be arranged!! We can only continue this worthwhile project if we have commitment from people for these jobs.

Pudding Factory would be the first week of November so I need to hear from you by Friday, October 2nd to place our order for ingredients. Please telephone me at 519-743-0845

or e-mail me at judyshantz13@gmail.com if you are able to help.

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](#)