

ORDER OF SERVICE
All Saints
November 1st 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	The Rev'd Paul Kett, Ann Coughlin, Angus Sheach
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Organist	Sarah Cardwell
Singer	Rebecca McKay

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude O wie selig (Oh, How Blest Are You)- Healey 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 276 v. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty God,
whose people are knit together in one holy
Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys
you have prepared for those who love you;
through your Son 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 Revelation.
(Revelation 7:9-17)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

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 First Letter of John
(1 John 3:1-3)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 5:1-12)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry your faith to new people and places around us. 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 Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who work to turn our attention to the wonders of the world you have made.

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

Lord of every nation, guide the countries of the world, and their leaders. Kindle hearts eager to understand common

needs and seek the common good. We pray especially for the people of the United States as they participate in a national election tomorrow. May the right to vote be preserved, and the wisdom to make wise choices be given.

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

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (*A time of silence*).

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

Lord of every venture, anoint us with a zeal for mission and ministry, and the necessary will to carry out our mission in the community and in our neighbourhood. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power.

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

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year:

Fern Emslie, Monie Morgan, Ray Dugan, Leslie Ormston, Ruth Glassford, Jim Prytula, Miriam Butler, Bob Jones,

In faith we join with them in ceaseless praise.

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

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, until that day when we gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **AMEN.**

Hymn 282

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

1. Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.
2. One family, we live in him,
one church above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.
3. One army of the living God,
to his command we bow;
part of his host have crossed the flood
and part are crossing now,
4. But all unite in Christ their head,
and love to sing his praise:
Lord of the living and the dead,
direct our earthly ways!
5. So we shall join our friends above
who have obtained the prize;
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.

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 F Major - D. Buxtehude

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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The Reverend Paul Kett

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Accessed 27 Oct. 2020. An angel provides drink as a rendering of the fourth beatitude: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled" (NIV).

Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 1 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Reverend Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, Primate and Metropolitan, Archbishop of the Internal province of West Africa, and Bishop of Liberia, and for our common mission and ministry.

PRAY for Todd, our Bishop; Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Martinez, 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 Leslie Wheeler-Dame, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we pray for the president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes in Lambton Deanery, this week praying especially for the people and parishes of St. Bartholomew's Church, Sarnia; Trinity Church, Sarnia; and All Saint's Church, Sarnia-Corunna.

FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE

Pray for the Diocese of Amazonia, for Bishop Martinez 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, Elsie Jorden, Barbara Leach, and their families

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

The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Muriel and Gordon Roy and Flora Roy-- a gift of Sandra Roy and Kerry Long.

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, Susan

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 include new and different ways of worship and parish life. 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, and others who are partnering to provide affordable housing and housing for developmentally-challenged adults.

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.

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](#)

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>

PWRDF Christmas Cards for Sale Below are the two card designs that PWRDF has for 2020. Each pack has 12 cards and a contribution of \$25 is required if a tax receipt is needed. Please contact Jim Mighty by email [jhmighty@yahoo.com] or phone (519) 585-0865 as soon as possible, so that cards can be ordered and left in the relevant mail slots in advance of December.





Come and worship