

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
**November 8th 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	Dave Sapelak, Nik Ward-Campbell, Tianna Gocan
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Organist	Sarah Cardwell
Singer & Trumpet McKay	Rebecca

### ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

On this Remembrance Sunday we come, O Lord, in gratitude for all who have died that we might live, for all who endured pain that we might know joy, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom. Turn our deep feeling now into determination, and our determination into deed, that as others died for peace, we may live for peace for the sake of the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Let us pray:

We remember before you with gratitude, O Lord, those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom. Grant to all of us for whom they died that their devotion may bear fruit in us in more abundant love for others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Out of the darkness of our divided world we cry to you, O God. Let not our hopes perish, nor our sacrifice be in vain. Turn to yourself the hearts of rulers and peoples, that a new world may rise where all people may live as your creation in the bond of your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

The Members of our Parish who died in Service of their Country:

#### ***World War I***

George Joseph Beaumont; John MacKessor Bissett; George Herbert Bowlby, Frank Ralph Brown; George Robert Buller;

Eric Carthy; Percy Carthy, David Ward Clement; James Edwin Davis; Albert Edward Deal; Harold Dudley, Henry James Figuers; James Snelgrove Francis; Arthur Manuel Hall, William Henry Haskins; Charles Henry Hoyland; Charles Edward Lampka, Henry John Looker; Clifford Pawson; Walter T. Philip; George Thomas Raines; John Garbett Simpson; William Henry Smith; Percy Thompson; August James Zapfe

### ***World War II***

Henry E. Belanger, James A. Brown, Edward S. Dingley, Lloyd E. Dufton, Arthur C. Hall, George H. Hubbell, Allan Hynd, Douglas P. Kennedy, Peter K. Kennedy, Harvey D. McCaffrey, George A. Potter, Oscar H. Rumpel, Gordon D. Sim, Charles L. Tutt, Richard M. Wellein

Last Post

Silence

Reveille

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

In memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice, O God, make us better people, and give peace in our time.

**AMEN.**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, and all humanity, peace and concord; and to us all and all God's servants, life everlasting. **AMEN.**

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*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**

**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:
2. under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
5. Time like an ever-rolling stream  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
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.*

Eternal God,  
who caused all holy scriptures  
to be written for our learning,  
grant us so to hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,  
that we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus  
Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Joshua.  
(Joshua 24:1-3A, 14-25)

*Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our*

*God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.*

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

Psalm 23 (The God of Love My Shepherd Is) Eric H. Thiman  
Rebecca McKay - Soprano  
Sarah Cardwell - Piano

**Reader** A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church  
in Thessalonica. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

*We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of*

*God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

## *Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Reader** A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.  
(Matthew 25:1-13)

*Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

## *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

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*

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all who lead us in prayer and praise. 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.

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation.

*Reader*      Hear us, O God.

*People*      **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. We pray especially for the people of the United states, that they may find unity of purpose in meeting the needs of all.

*Reader*      Hear us, O God.

*People*      **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Companion console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours with those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Be with those who suffer in any way in mind, body, or spirit, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (*A time of silence*).

*Reader*      Hear us, O God.

*People*      **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Protector, be with us as we remember those who lost their lives in war. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members.

*Reader*      Hear us, O God.

*People*      **Your mercy is great.**

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your commonwealth.

*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 573

### O Day of Peace

1. O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guides us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the lord.

### 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

St. Anne - Healey Willan

***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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**Deputy Warden** Debbie Sheach

**Parish Administrator**

Rebecca McKay

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# **Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 8 2020**

## **IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies, The Most Reverend Howard Gregory, Primate and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, 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 the Principal, faculty, students, and staff of the Vancouver School of Theology.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we pray for the Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College.

## **IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

PRAY for parishes in Lambton Deanery, this week praying especially for the people and parishes of St. John the Baptist, Walpole Island; and Trinity Church, Watford.

## **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 Lu Cam Ying, James Macphersons, Jeannie McLean, Robert Purdy 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, 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. 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**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

