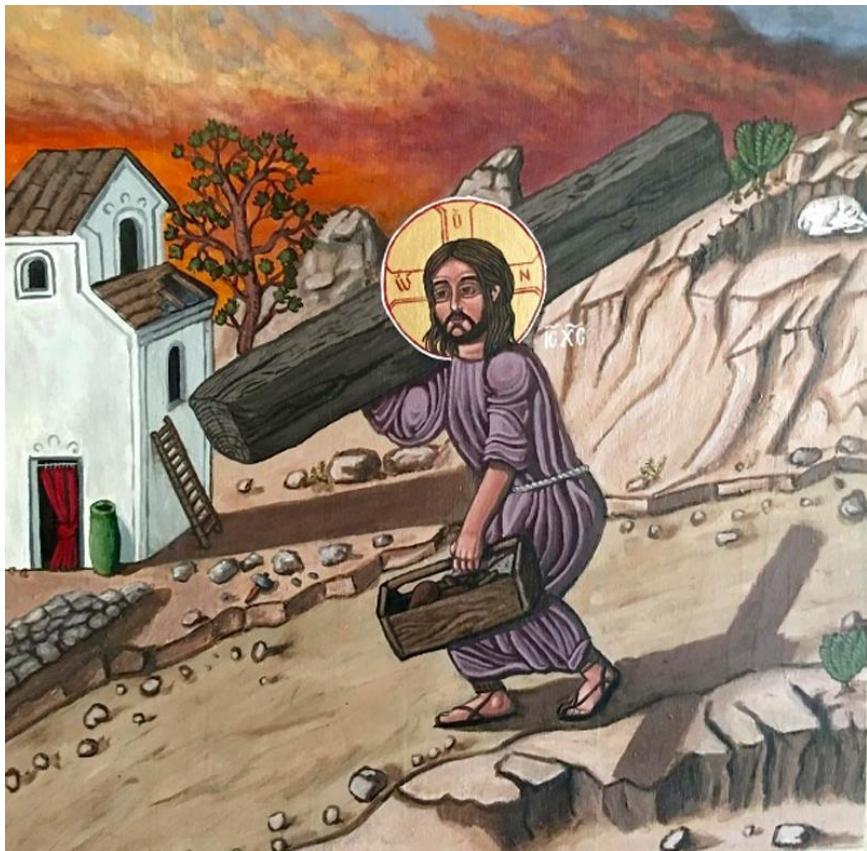


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25 2021 10am**



**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
Reader	Angus Sheach
Singer	Sue Doran, Deb Sheach, Angus Sheach
Tech Support & Recording	Jonathan Malton, Simon Guthrie
Organist	Sarah Cardwell

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Prelude	Old hundredth - H. Willan
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### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*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 349** **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**  
tune: Old 100th

1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why, the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

## Collect of the Day

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

O God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work  
to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing  
in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*      Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The Readings

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Acts.  
(Acts 4:5-12)

*The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what*

*power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."*

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

Psalm

## The Lord's My Shepherd

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of John.  
(1 John 3:16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel According to John.  
(John 10:11-18)

*Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."*

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

## 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**

Intercessor: The response to each of the petitions is, “Your mercy is great.

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence*

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we may bear witness to your expansive love. We give thanks for the leadership of Todd, our Bishop, and for the ministry of Preston, our Rector. Give us a common vision for mission and ministry in our neighbourhood, and the commitment to work in cooperation with others.

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

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life.

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

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Remove any desire to overpower others, and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly.

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

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we may lay down our lives for those in need, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (A space for silent prayer and reflection). Help us love one another in truth and action.

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

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us a vigour as people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, especially in this ongoing time of pandemic, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit.

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

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you, especially St. Mark the Evangelist. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever.

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

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN.**

## **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 forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 457**

**Alleluia! Glory to God**

tune: O Filii Et Filiae

1. Glory to God who does wondrous things;  
let all the people God's praises now sing;  
all of creation in splendour shall ring:  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. See how salvation for all has been won;  
up from the grave our new life has begun;  
life now perfected in Jesus, the Son:  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Now in our presence the Lord will appear,  
shine in the faces of all us here;  
fill us with joy and cast out all fear:  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Call us, good Shepherd; we listen for you,  
wanting to see you in all that we do;  
we would the gate of salvation pass through:  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Announcements

## **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.**

# **Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 25th 2021**

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

PRAY for the The Nippon Sei Ko Kai, ( the Anglican Church of Japan), for its clergy and people, and our common ministry and mission.

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 we pray this week for The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of our own Diocese of Huron.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we pray this week for the dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba West Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

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

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Brant-Norfolk Deanery, and especially this week for Trinity Church, Simcoe; and for the Parish of the Six Nations which includes Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks, Brantford; St. Peter's Church, Ohsweken; St. Paul's Church, Kanyengeh; and St. Luke's Church, Smooth Town.

PRAY also for our companion Diocese of Amazonia, for Bishop Martinez Rosa dos Santos Bassoto, Bishop, and for our common mission and ministry.

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

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Eleanor F. Bean and Walter Alexander Bean, a gift of the family.

## **FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

WE PRAY this week for Anthony Odushola, Beatrice Orchard, Michael Ormston-Holloway, Marimuthu and Nalini Packiyanathan.

## **FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL**

Tracy, Marlin, Ron and Anne, Wayne, Ida, Vivian, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Percival and Janet, Jeannie, Valerie, Hazel, Al and Ann, St. John's, Margaret and George Strack, Pat, Franco, Janice and Family, John and Jennings family.

## **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the clergy of our Deanery, church leaders everywhere, and members of other faith groups. In this season of Easter, may we continue to be mindful of each other's need for support and encouragement, and quick to practice love and compassion in all our words and actions. Help us continue to find ways to work with others, that we may fulfill our calling to care for all people.

PRAY for the health of people in our community, and throughout the world, as we continue to face challenges in our lives. Be with those who care for the sick and those who serve the public while facing personal health risks. Give thanks for all who are volunteering and working in vaccination clinics in our region and beyond. 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 food, clothing, medical care and temporary shelter for those who have nowhere to call home, and all who are partnering to provide affordable housing.

## **Parish Announcements and Events**

**Virtual Victuals** Looking at the increasing cases and COVID-19 restrictions, the Fundraising Committee thought it best to reschedule the May 8th dinner. There are no current plans to re-schedule the dinner.

We are very disappointed to have to do this and will work towards finding new ways to raise funds.

Thank you  
Andrea

### **STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE**

**ENCOUNTERING THE PSALMS:** A six-week program on understanding and singing the Psalms will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 13. Our Rector, Preston Parsons, Alicia Batten, Bruce Wheatcroft and Ken Hull will each explore different aspects of the psalms, and a concluding presentation on the Psalms in Anglican Worship will be given by Prof. Lizette Larson-Miller of Huron College. Each week we'll conclude our session by singing a psalm in a different way. To attend please register [here](#). More details about the course can be found [here](#).

**Medical Assessments** A note from St. John's parishioner, and Benton Medical Clinic Manager, Melanie Horst:

The Ministry of Health has recently approved telephone assessments to minimize that traffic in a medical facility and reducing exposure. Effective today, my office is now able to offer that. I have spoken with my physicians and they have approved for me to offer this to our church members and community. Many

family practice offices are beginning to do this but not all at this time.

If any member of our church or community requires to speak with a physician but would rather not go into a medical facility or leave their home, they may contact me directly and I can register them for a telephone consultation with one of our physicians. Obviously there will be limits to their ability with no physical examinations but will be attempting to cover all care as best as possible in this current climate. They will be able to prescribe medication for acute issues, order lab work or imaging if needed. If this is something that would help anyone please have them contact me by email ([melanieh@bentonmedicalclinic.com](mailto:melanieh@bentonmedicalclinic.com)) or my cell (519-841-8921).

**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](#)



**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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**Assistant Clergy**

The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

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**People's Warden** Debbie Sheach

**Deputy Warden** Dave Sapelak, Eleanor Brown

**Interim Music Director** Sarah Cardwell

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