

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Day of Pentecost

May 23rd 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	Marianne Mellinger
Singer	Rebecca McKay, Corinne Dutton, Bruce Wheatcroft, Mohan Thomas
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Bill Hutton

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Prelude Holy Spirit, Truth Divine - Alfred V. Fedak

### 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 653**

**Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost**  
tune: Cape Town

1. Gracious Spirit, Holy ghost,  
taught by thee, we covet most,  
of thy gifts at Pentecost,  
holy, heavenly love.

2. Love is kind, and suffers long;  
love is meek, and thinks no wrong;  
love than death itself more strong;  
therefore give us love.
3. Prophecy will fade away,  
melting in the light of day;  
love will ever with us stay;  
therefore give us love.
4. Faith will vanish into sight;  
hope be emptied in delight;  
love in heaven will shine more bright;  
therefore give us love.
5. Faith and hope and love we see  
joining hand in hand agree;  
but the greatest of the three,  
and the best, is love.
6. From the overshadowing  
of thy gold and silver wing  
shed on us, who to thee sing,  
holy, heavenly love.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

Almighty and everliving God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal,  
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
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

## The Readings

Reader A Reading from the Book of Acts.  
(Acts 2:1-21)

*When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun*

shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

## Psalm

Psalm 104:25-35, 37B

Gordon Johnston

Lord, send out your Spi-rit and re - new the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number  
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season. *Refrain*

You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works. *Refrain*

He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah. *Refrain*

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.  
(Romans 8:22-27)

*We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel According to John.  
(John 15:26-27, 16:4B15)

*Jesus said to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong*



God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth

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

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they may exercise your gracious will in the lives of all people.

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

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (A space for reflection).

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

God of love, fill our parish family with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbours.

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

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give your thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of all your saints.

*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.**

## Anthem

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Alan Smith

## 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 645

**Come Down, O Love Divine**  
tune: Down Ampney

1. Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,

and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

## 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.**

Postlude        Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance) - A. Fedak

# **Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 23rd 2021**

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

PRAY for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, 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; 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 we pray this week for Bishop Shane Parker, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ottawa.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we pray this week for the Reverend Dennis Serfas and the Reverend Jerry Borkowsky, Assistants to the Bishop, and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod.

Together we continue to pray this week for The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and for peace in the Middle East.

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

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Delaware Deanery, and especially this week for St. Thomas Church, St. Thomas; St. Peter's Church, Wallacetown; and Grace Church, West Lorne.

PRAY also for our companion Diocese of Amazonia, for Bishop Marinez 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 Altar flowers are in loving memory of Angela Merner and beloved friends, a gift of Carla McLennan.

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

WE PRAY this week for Michelle Salt, David and Sharon Sapelak, Naomi Sargeant, Wendy Scagnetti, and their families.

**FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL**

Tracy, Marlin, Ron and Anne, Wayne, Ida, Vivian, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Percival and Janet, Jeannie, Valerie, Hazel, Margaret and George Strack, Pat, Franco, Grace, Peter and Judith.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the clergy of our Deanery, church leaders everywhere, and members of other faith groups. Give thanks for the recent Synod meetings of our Diocese, for the issues faced, and business transacted. May God's Holy Spirit fill us with enthusiasm as we move forward in the work God has called us to do.

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**

**Come to the Table** Join us for our family centered service next Saturday at 4:00pm over zoom. If you would like to join, contact Preston at rector@stjohn316.com

**On Eagles' Wings Submissions** The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, May 30th. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie (sarah.guthrie@gmail.com) by end-of-day Thursday, May 27th.

**Director of Music Position Update:** As of Monday, May 3 our Director of Music job posting has been sent to various organizations, universities, and individuals throughout Canada and the United States. You can view it and the Music Director Position Description on the St John's website. Applications will be received until June 15. With gratitude to those of you who participated in our Director of Music round table conversations early this spring, and especially to the Music Director Administrative Team of James Brown, Corinne Dutton and Ken Hull who guided the process up to this point. The search committee will include Preston Parsons, Ken Hull, Corinne Dutton, Deb Sheach and will be chaired by Mohan Thomas.

**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](mailto: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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