

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Trinity Sunday  
May 30th 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	Dave Sapelak
Singer	Rebecca McKay, Deb Sheach Dave Sapelak, Angus Sheach
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Sarah Cardwell

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Prelude

### 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 560**

**God, Whose Almighty Word**  
tune: Moscow

1. God, whose almighty Word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day

sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

2. Saviour, who came to bring  
on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
now for all humankind  
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!
4. Gracious and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride:  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light!

## **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

Father, we praise you:  
through your Word and Holy Spirit  
you created all things.  
You reveal your salvation in all the world  
by sending to us Jesus Christ,  
the Word made flesh.  
Through your Holy Spirit  
you give us a share in your life and love.  
Fill us with the vision of your glory,

that we may always serve and praise you,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

People            **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **The Readings**

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.  
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"*

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm**

Psalm 29

Percy Buck

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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 Romans.  
(Romans 8:12-17)

*So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint*

*heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.*

*Reader*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader*    A Reading from the Gospel According to John.  
(John 3:1-17)

*Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."*



**With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

***Intercessor: The response to each of the petitions is,  
“hear our prayer.”***

Let us come before the triune God in reverence and prayer, holding up the needs of the world, the church, and our own family and friends.

*A brief silence*

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, so that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. We pray for Todd, our Bishop, and for Preston, our Rector. Help us respond to your call to embrace the many needs of our community and neighbourhood, and to work faithfully with others to bring healing, comfort, and friendship.

*Reader*            Lord, in your mercy.

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for your power revealed to us in creation., for maple and oak trees, for rivers like the Grand, and its importance to our First Nations people, for the echoes of thunder, and gentle spring breezes.

*Reader*            Lord, in your mercy.

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations and our leaders, that, led by your Spirit, they may work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace.

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

We pray, O God, for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD of any other mental health concerns. We are bold to pray for those requesting our prayers, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (A space for reflection and prayer).

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

We pray for our parish community that the splendour of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another.

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

We pray, O God, for those charged with the task of selecting a Music Director for our parish. Give them wisdom and understanding as they move forward. We pray also for those who may be considering this position, that their talents and abilities will be a part of their love for you and the worship of your church.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war.

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

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**

I Bind Unto Myself Today

St Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three.

I bind this day to me forever,  
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
his baptism in the Jordan river,  
his death on cross for my salvation.  
His bursting from the spiced tomb,  
his riding up the heavenly way,  
his coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today  
the virtues of the starlit heaven,  
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free,  
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea  
around the old eternal rocks.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three-in-One, the One-in-Three,  
of whom all nature hath creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;  
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

## **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 391**

## **Sing Ye Praises to the Father**

tune: Arfon Major

1. Sing ye praises to the Father,  
sing ye praises to the Son,  
sing ye praises to the Spirit,  
living and eternal One.  
God has made us, and has blessed us,  
and has called us to be true;  
God is Lord of all creation,  
daily making all things new.

2. Join the praise of every creature,  
sing with singing birds at dawn;  
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,  
hear their heavenly antiphon.  
Praise our God for light of summer,  
autumn glories, winter snows,  
for the coming of the springtime  
and the life of all that grows,
3. praising on our days of gladness  
for the summons to rejoice,  
praising in our times of sadness  
for the comfort of God's voice.  
Hail, Creator, strong and loving,  
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
living God, sustaining Spirit -  
be thy holy name adored!

## **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

# **Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 30th 2021**

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

PRAY for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (the Anglican Church of Mexico), 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 The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Diocesan Bishop; The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop; and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we pray this week for The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan.

Let us continue to pray together 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 Essex Deanery, and especially this week for Christ Church, Amherstburg St. Paul's Church, Essex Trinity Church, Cottam.

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 flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Marvin and Joan Metcalfe, a gift of Murray Metcalfe and Catherine Sheridan and their families.

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

WE PRAY this week for Marc and Valerie Schaeffer, Paul and Yvonne Shaffelburg, Shan and Man Shanmuganathan, Judy Shantz, 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's family, especially Judith, and Brian.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the clergy of our Deanery, church leaders everywhere, and members of other faith groups. May God's Holy Spirit fill us with enthusiasm as we seek to work with others in fulfilling the mission and ministry to which God calls us.

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**

**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 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

**Assistant Clergy**

The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

**Rector's Warden** Marianne Mellinger

**People's Warden** Debbie Sheach

**Deputy Warden** Dave Sapelak, Eleanor Brown

**Interim Music Director** Sarah Cardwell

**Parish Administrator** Rebecca McKay

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