

ORDER OF SERVICE
Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 15 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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silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty God,
without you we are not able to please you.
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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 First Book of Samuel.
(1 Samuel 15:34-16:13)

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now

he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm

Psalm 20

Columba Kelly; Samuel Weber

REFRAIN

$\text{♩} = 104$ Let your hearts take com - fort, all who hope in the Lord.

May the Lord answer you in the time of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob be your strength.

May God give you help from the holy place;
and send you support out of Zion.

May God accept the gifts you offer,
and receive your sacrifice with favour.

May God give to you your heart's desire,
and fulfill all your plans. *Refrain*

We will shout for joy at God's triumph,
and give honour to the name of our God!

May the Lord grant your petitions,
and give to you all that you ask.

Victory is given to God's chosen;
God will answer from the holy height
with the strong right hand,
with the mighty hand of God. *Refrain*

Some trust in chariots or horses;
we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

They will totter and fall:
we will arise and stand firm.

Give victory to the ruler, O Lord.
and answer us when we call. *Refrain*

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the
Church in Corinth.
(2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17)

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.
(Mark 4:26-34)

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we

compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Intercessor: The response to each of the petitions is, "hear our prayer."

Let us come before the triune God in reverence and prayer.

A brief silence

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. 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.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new life. Restore growth to places suffering from drought, wildfires, and other natural disasters.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to all who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. We include those we name aloud, or remember in silence. (A time for reflection).

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

God of comfort and love, we continue to hold our Indigenous sisters and brothers in our prayer. Help them to know that you share their pain, their grief, and their anger. Show us ways to turn our sorrow into words, and our anger into action, that they may know your presence with us all in these dark days. Help us to do our part in mending the Sacred Circle in prayer, love, and concern for one another.

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

Sovereign God, even our worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians, and we pray for those charged with the task of selecting a Music Director for our parish. We dedicate to you the music that we offer, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs of our hearts.

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

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at rest in you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation.

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

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **AMEN.**

Anthem

O Praise God In His Holiness

J. Weldon

O praise God in his holiness:
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Let ev'rything that hath breath:
praise 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 478

Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast
tune: Albano

1. Almighty God, thy word is cast
like seed into the ground:
now let the dew of heaven descend
and righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the foe of righteousness
this holy seed remove:
but give it root in every heart,
to bring forth fruits of love.
3. Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy:

but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

4. Oft as the precious seed is sown,
thy quickening grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving power may know.

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

Trinitas - Eleanor Daley

Prayer Intentions for the Week of June 13th 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church in Nigeria, a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and 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 Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

With the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we pray this week for Lutheran and Anglican global partners and companions.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Essex Deanery, and especially this week for St. Stephen's Church, Oldcastle; Church of the Redeemer, Colchester; and St. Mary's/Calvary, Pelee Island.

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

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

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of D. Alexander and Rose W. Bean, a gift of the family.

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

WE PRAY this week for George and Margaret Strack, Charles Stuart and Christine Purdon, Mohan Thomas, Carol Thurnell, 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, Kerrie, John and family, Bill, Syliva, Tianna.

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

COVID Re-opening Update As provincial COVID rules begin to loosen up, and the province begins to re-open, I imagine many of you are wondering what this means for us at St. John's. Will we be able to worship together in-person again soon? How soon?

The short answer: we aren't sure yet. Diocesan guidelines arrived on Tuesday, and we are beginning to work through them.

What we do know, though, is that all Anglican parishes will be worshipping in-person by the Sunday after Labour Day. It is almost certain though that St. John's will begin to worship in-person before then.

Do watch this space. There will be more updates as soon as we can provide them!

St. John's Virtual Victuals, Spring 2021 BBQ Edition

Redux Ah, summer. During this long, cool spring it was hard to believe that summer would ever be a-comin' in. It was not very long ago that we were cursing the cold weather; indeed, mid-May sometimes resembled early March. But at the end of the first week of June, man, is it hot!

The midsummer torpor has begun even before the arrival of the solstice. At this rate, long, hot, and hazy days might endure for some time. Happily, the hot temperatures and outdoor weather are coinciding with the province's (slightly early) activation of the first stage of reopening. You know what that means: church dinner! Okay, we're still in a pandemic and it's still a virtual dinner, but this event does give us an opportunity to savour some delicious food and support our church.

We've all seen the menu (reprinted below; read and salivate at leisure.) We all know that St. John's own Angus Sheach is a kitchen pro. We all love BBQ during those few weeks of hot weather we call summer in Ontario. And surely we are all anxious to avoid at least one night of cooking in this heat while at the same time offering financial support for our

church. So let's rally in the final week of sales and make this event a success!

If you have not yet ordered a meal, please consider doing so. Buy one for yourself. Buy another one and invite a friend over for a safely distanced outdoor meal – such sociability is now allowed. Pool your funds with the family and enjoy a small reunion in the backyard. Purchase a meal for the father figure in your life for Father's Day. But please order, and do it soon as the deadline is only days away.

Thanks. And bon appétit!

Half Rack of Kansas Style BBQ Pork Back Ribs – ribs dry rubbed with DeliWorks' homemade seasoning blend, slow baked and finished with homemade Kansas Style BBQ sauce.

Cowboy Baked Beans – beans, bacon, and onion baked in a sweet and tangy sauce

Jalapeño Cornbread – freshly baked traditional cornbread lightly spiced with fresh jalapeño peppers

Garden Salad – served with Deliworks' house-made sweet and savoury herb vinaigrette

Triple Chocolate Brownie – baked in-house

All meals will be delivered with directions on reheating the food. If you have a barbecue, feel free to reheat the ribs on the grill for that authentic charbroiled flavour.

Event Information

Price: \$30 per meal (includes Covid-safe delivery to your home by masked and sanitized volunteers)

Contact for orders: Andrea Balfour at 519-501-2016 or Nik Ward-Campbell at 519-501-0456 between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm beginning on Wednesday, June 2

Order deadline: Sunday, June 13, at 6:00 pm

Payment: Please pay when you call to order. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Delivery date/time: Saturday, June 19, between 3:30 and 5:00 pm

Zoom: The Zoom virtual dinner will start around 5:30–6:00 pm. Details to follow.

Volunteer drivers are required for this event. If you are willing and able to be a friendly meal delivery volunteer, please contact Andrea.

On Eagles' Wings Submissions The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, June 20th. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie (sarah.guthrie@gmail.com) by end-of-day Thursday, June 17th.

Confirmation Classes and Dates We have another confirmation date in the calendar. Cross your fingers, this one should work! It will take place September 26th at 4pm at the parking lot at St. George's Forest hill.

We are also providing preparation classes, here are the dates:

Saturday September 11th, 10am-11:30

Saturday September 18th, 10am-11:30

Saturday September 25th, 10am-11:30

If you are interested in participating in the confirmation classes, please contact Preston (rector@stjohn316.com)

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) 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).
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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