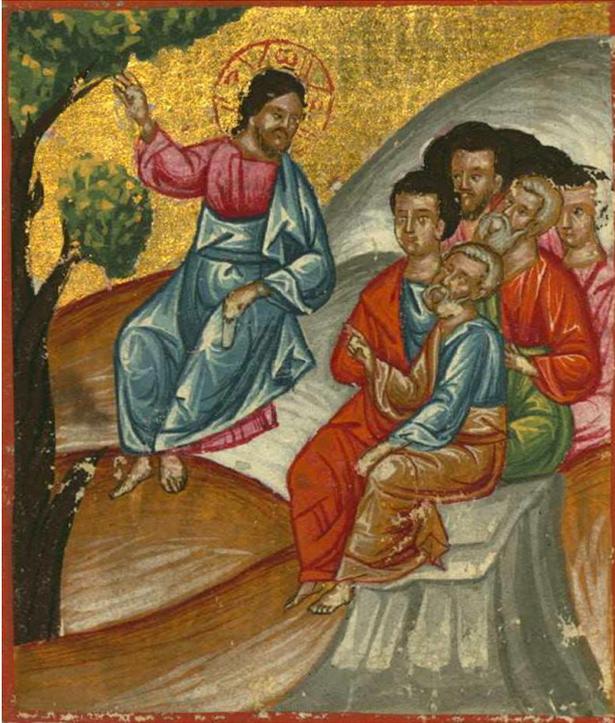


ORDER OF SERVICE
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19 2021 10am



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	Deb Sheach
Tech Support	Mohan Thomas
Organist	Sarah Cardwell
Singers	Jocelyn Truscott, Laura Doric Jonathan Malton

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Rhosymedre - R. Vaughan Williams

The Procession and Greeting

Presider 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.**

Presider Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 393 **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**
Tune: St. Denio

*If you are attending in-person, please refrain from singing
our hymns--though we do welcome you to read and inwardly
digest the hymn text.*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, more glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.
4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the collect. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader A reading from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (spoken)

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgement comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark. (Mark 9:30-37)

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons

A silence for reflection follows.

The Apostle's Creed

Presider 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

The Intercessor will bid the prayers. The congregation responds:

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

Confession and Absolution

The presider bids the confession.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have
sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The presider gives absolution.

Offertory

O Jesu So Sweet

J.S. Bach

If you would like to make your offering at this time, please step forward and place it on the plate before the altar. If you would rather make your offering more discreetly, you can still use the plate near the door to the nave.

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son ...

... Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 689

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise ...
... All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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.**

The Fraction

Lamb of God

Hymn 690

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Communion

Please line up for communion, at a safe distance, in the centre aisle. After approaching the ministrant, hold out your hands, being careful not to touch hands. The ministrant will drop the bread in your hand. Once you've received the bread in your hand: step aside, remove your mask, eat the bread, replace your mask, and make your way back to your seat by the side aisle.

Hymn 61

As We Gather at Your Table

Tune: Ecce, Deus

If you are attending in-person, please refrain from singing our hymns--though we do welcome you to read and inwardly digest the hymn text.

1. As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.
2. Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,

bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the prayer after communion. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

Presider 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.**

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Parish Notices

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people. The people respond, saying,

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Let Us All With Gladsome Voice - Healey Willan

Parish Announcements and Events

We are very, very pleased to announce that St. John's has hired a new Music Director! David Harrison has extensive experience in organ, choir, and liturgy. He grew up singing in the Men and Boys' Choir at St James' Cathedral in Toronto, was formerly Organ Scholar of St Thomas's Church in Toronto, Assistant Conductor of the Hart House Chorus, Chair of Liturgy Canada, and President of the Toronto Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. He holds an ARCCO diploma with the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

David is also a priest, most recently as Rector of the Church of St Mary Magdalene in the diocese of Toronto. His ministry among us, however, will be solely as Music Director.

David has some pre-existing commitments on Sundays over the next weeks, but the wardens felt it was worthwhile to get David to begin as soon as possible. David will begin on September 27th. By mutual agreement between the churchwardens and David, the contract is for one year, with an option to renew if it is agreeable by all parties.

Mohan Thomas, Chair of the Search Committee (on behalf of the committee)

Marianne Mellinger and Deb Sheach, Churchwardens

David Sapelak and Eleanor Brown, Deputy Wardens

The Revd Dr Preston Parsons, Rector

Memorial Flowers The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Anne Boich, a gift of the family.

OEW Submissions The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, September 26th. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie (sarah.guthrie@gmail.com) by end-of-day Tuesday, September 21st.

Stewardship Working Group At in-person worship this morning, we have included an insert prepared by our Stewardship Working Group. The insert provides an overview of our three-Sunday focus, beginning on October 3, on Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening the Community of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener. We invite you to spend a few minutes reading the overview and then reflecting on your own thoughts and feelings about how we regard our financial support of St. John's. Those in our parish who receive email communication will have received this morning's insert this past Friday.

Climate Crisis—"What can I do?"

Soon you will be able to see a banner for Faith Climate Justice placed on the Duke Street Side of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. This summer it doesn't take much to see the results of the climate crisis that is in our midst. Many of us want to know what WE can do to address this critical issue.

FORMATION & EDUCATION FALL SERIES: As the effects of the climate crisis are increasingly felt around the world, many of us are asking ourselves, "What can I do?". Our first parish-wide educational event after the quiet summer season is a four-week series presented by the Diocese of Montreal, "Reading the Bible in the Season of Creation: Christian Discipleship in a Time of Climate Crisis." The sessions are each 1½ hours long on Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m., and running from Tuesday, September 21 to Tuesday, October 12. Through the generosity of two of our fellow parishioners, the series is free to any member of St John's who wants to attend. We are hoping that there will be a strong parish turnout. If there is enough interest, we will meet the week after the series ends, on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m., to explore what initiatives we might wish to take as a parish.

To register for the series, please email Rebecca at the church office: church@stjohn316.ca. She will send you the Zoom link when it becomes available. If you are interested but cannot attend on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., register anyway. You can view the webcasts at your convenience for a limited time.

Ken Hull, for the Formation & Education Committee

MAPPING THE GROUND WE STAND ON (PWRDF) As one of our actions in Truth and Reconciliation, The London Deanery is offering the opportunity to participate in the Mapping Exercise September 30, 6:30 – 9:00 P.M. , facilitated by Greg Smith (PWRDF Huron) and Cheryl Marek (Diocese of Toronto)

We are proud to announce that this workshop has now been adapted for Zoom. The workshops are limited to 25 Zoom screens , so please register as soon as possible by September 23, 2021. Use the Zoom invitation below to register and a Zoom link will be sent to you. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvd-2vqTkiHdX-q5_RNmUsFlowyuv0uJYL

Huron Theology Fall Faculty Lecture

“Spilled Theology: John Henry Newman, Music, and Revelation”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen McClatchie

Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Registration: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqdeGrgD8sHtAwgD6K0hW-uAsSlixFsjj4H>

The importance of music and musical aesthetics in the writings of John Henry Newman has long been overshadowed by other aspects of his intellectual and

spiritual significance. But music is the controlling and determinative element of Newman's theological aesthetic and at the very heart of his theology. Although, whether as a metaphor or a means of Revelation, it ultimately falls short, nevertheless for Newman music is the closest in this life that human beings can come to the transcendent Truth of the Beatific Vision.

For more info [CLICK HERE](#)

Office Hours Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9am to noon. We are working both from the office as well as from home. Please contact the office ahead of time if you need to visit.

Baptisms and Baptismal Preparation If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, contact the rector. We are tentatively planning for baptisms on All Saints Sunday, November 7th, 2021, with baptismal preparation for parents and candidates beginning in the fall.

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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The Reverend Paul Kett

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