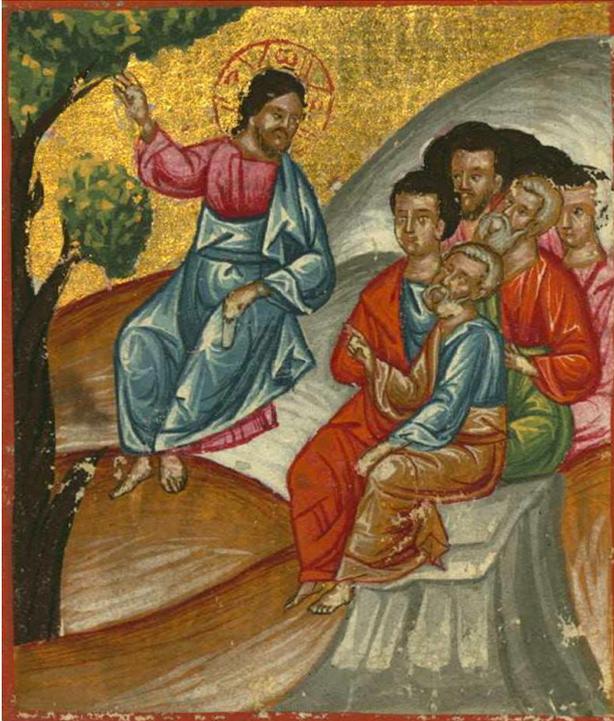


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 26 2021 10am**



**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

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| Officiant & Preacher | The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons                    |
| Reader               | Angus Sheach                                    |
| Tech Support         | Mohan Thomas                                    |
| Organist             | Sarah Cardwell                                  |
| Singers              | Jocelyn Truscott, Nathalie Nasr<br>Angus Sheach |

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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| Prelude | AdoreTe Devote - Healey Willan |
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### 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 631              The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy**  
Tune: Paderborn

*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. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.  
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry "Glory" to God All-in-All.

## **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 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently

that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm** (spoken)

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## **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 9:38-50)

*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**

Honour and Majesty

M. Greene

*Please use the plate near the entrance for your offering now,  
or at the end of the service.*

## **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**

*Presider*      The gifts of God, for the people of God.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **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 65

## Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

Tune: St. Columba

*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. Here, Lord, we take the broken bread  
and drink the wine, believing  
that by thy life our souls are fed,  
thy parting gifts receiving.
2. As thou hast given, so we would give  
ourselves for others' healing;  
as thou hast lived, so we should live,  
the Father;s love revealing.

## 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                Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ - J. Pachelbel



## **Parish Announcements and Events**

**Memorial Flowers** The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Benne and Renie Andersen and John and Ruth Rumpel, a gift of the family.

**Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening our Church Community** Next Sunday, October 3, we begin a three-Sunday focus on building, celebrating, and strengthening the St. John's community. Through this short journey of prayer, study, and reflection, we hope to gain an appreciation for how faith, community, and the ministry we undertake together in Christ's name inspire our financial stewardship. To support our meditation on these things, Douglas Woodley has written a personal reflection this month in *On Eagle's Wings*. And both last Sunday and this morning, we have included an overview that lays the coordinates of our journey. For in-person worship, this overview is included as a bulletin insert; for those who receive Saturday email from St. John's, the file can be accessed by clicking on the Building, Celebrating and Strengthening Overview button.

### **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.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com). 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

**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](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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