

ORDER OF SERVICE
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3 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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HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O’CLOCK

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Psalm 26
Celebrant
Preacher

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The Rev’d Dr Preston Parsons
The Rev’d James Brown

EUCCHARIST AT TEN O’CLOCK

Officiant & Preacher	The Rev’d Dr Preston Parsons
Reader	Marianne Mellinger
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	David Harrison
Singers	Laura Doric, Deb Sheach Mohan Thomas, Angus Sheach

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Gibbons	Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Orlando ("Giver of the Perfect Gift") 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 628

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

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. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
for us, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptized and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.
5. For us by wickedness betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.
6. For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
7. To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

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 Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 26

Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.

As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

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 10:2-16)

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

The Gospel is read.

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

Sermon The Rev'd James Brown

A silence for reflection follows.

The Apostles' 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.

Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening

Mohan Thomas

Offertory

I Give to You a New Commandment Peter Nardone

*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 administrant, hold out your hands, being careful not to touch hands. The administrant 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 553

Ubi Caritas

Tune: Ubi Caritas

Sarah J. Cardwell - oboe

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Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

*Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

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.

Parish Notices

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Dismissal

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Præambulum & Fuga Octavi Toni
Johann Baptist Peyer

Parish Announcements and Events

Flowers We warmly welcome our new Director of Music David Harrison and gratefully acknowledge the work and dedication of our Interim Director of Music, Sarah Cardwell. Thanking God for blessing us with these two wonderful musicians, the flowers on the altar are placed as a gift of the choir.

Year-to-Date Financial Report (January-August, 2021)

- At the end of August our **shortfall** from parish contributions is approximately **\$32,000**. This means contributions from the parish is \$32,000 less than the budget we approved at our 2021 Vestry meeting.
- Our year-to-date expenses are very close to our budgeted projections.

This is a significant shortfall 2/3s of the way through our year and the wardens are deeply concerned. If you are someone who has not been able to make your contribution regularly because of COVID, please let the church office know (519-743-0228) and someone will be happy to pick up your contribution at your home. If you have been dropping off your contribution at the Church Office or mailing it to the Church please continue to do so.

Please feel free to contact any of the wardens if you have any questions or concerns.

Marianne Mellinger
Deb Sheach
Dave Sapelak
Eleanor Brown

Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening our Church Community This 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.

pudding Factory Update and Call for Volunteers The ACW has decided to resume St. John's over 70 year tradition of making and selling Christmas Pudding, albeit due to Covid on a much reduced scale. (In 2019 we made over 2,000 lbs, we are planning on 500 lbs this year). Masks will be required and physical distancing will be organized. Production will begin on November 8th with outside pick up on the 13th. In order to make this a success WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please contact Judy Shantz at 519-569-9877 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

ACW Calendars The ACW are once again offering Church Calendars for sale. If you are planning on buying one could you please let me know as soon as possible how many you would like? I will need to place our order within the next couple of weeks. Thank You. Enid Emery--contact: 519-896-0637 or e-mail davidemery@rogers.com

Climate Crisis—"What can I do?" 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. 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

GOT SOME LEFTOVER BALLS OF YARN? Wondering what to do with those balls of yarn hanging around from a completed project two years ago? Look no further! While the Anglican ministry at the Grand Valley Institute for Women has seen significant restrictions since lockdown in March 2020, we are doing our best to support the ladies at GVI. The women have requested yarn to create knitted items which will be donated back to the community. Kindly contact Mary Neil by email marytneil@gmail.com or phone 519-500-7394 to donate.

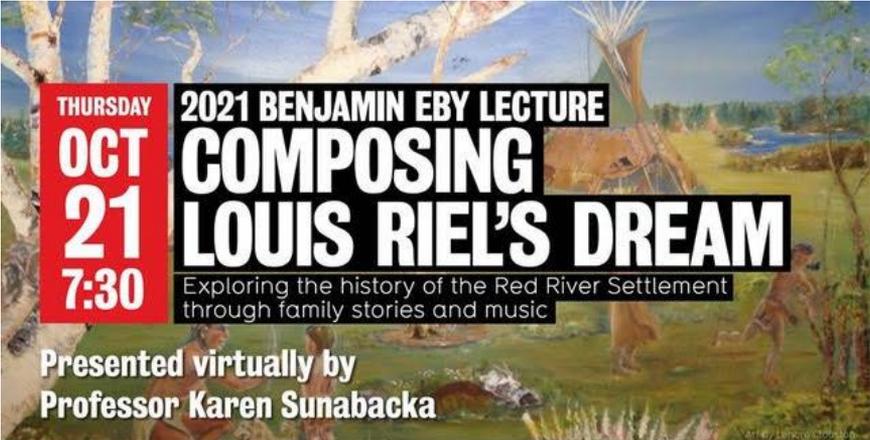
Baptisms and Baptismal Preparation If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, contact the rector. We are tentatively planning for baptisms on All Saints Sunday, November 7th, 2021, with baptismal preparation for parents and candidates beginning in the fall.

RESTORATION AND RECIPROCITY Healing relationships with the natural world. Featuring: Robin Wall Kimmerer Author of Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants. Join us for the 2021 Snider Lecture featuring Robin Wall Kimmerer, as she draws on Indigenous and scientific wisdom to offer lessons on healing our relationships with the natural world.

Monday, Oct. 4, 2021

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. EDT Via YouTube Live or On-Demand
You can register here

<https://secureca.imodules.com/s/731/form-blank/interior.aspx?sid=731&gid=6&pgid=18543&cid=30597>



The poster features a background illustration of a Red River Settlement scene with a teepee, a river, and people. A red vertical banner on the left contains the text: THURSDAY, OCT 21, 7:30. The main title is '2021 BENJAMIN EBY LECTURE COMPOSING LOUIS RIEL'S DREAM'. Below the title is the subtitle 'Exploring the history of the Red River Settlement through family stories and music'. At the bottom left, it says 'Presented virtually by Professor Karen Sunabacka'. The footer includes the website 'grebel.ca/eby' with 'FREE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED', the Conrad Grebel University College logo, and the University of Waterloo logo.

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University College

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Conrad Grebel University College is pleased to announce this year's virtual Benjamin Eby Lecture with Dr. Karen Sunabacka, entitled, "[Composing Louis Riel's Dream: Exploring the history of the Red River Settlement through family stories and music](#)", on Thursday October 21st at 7:30 pm!

**Please [register](#) to join this virtual event.

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

Rector

The Reverend Dr Preston Parsons

Assistant Clergy

The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

The Reverend James Brown

Rector's Warden Marianne Mellinger

People's Warden Debbie Sheach

Deputy Warden Dave Sapelak, Eleanor Brown

Director of Music David Harrison

Parish Administrator Rebecca McKay

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