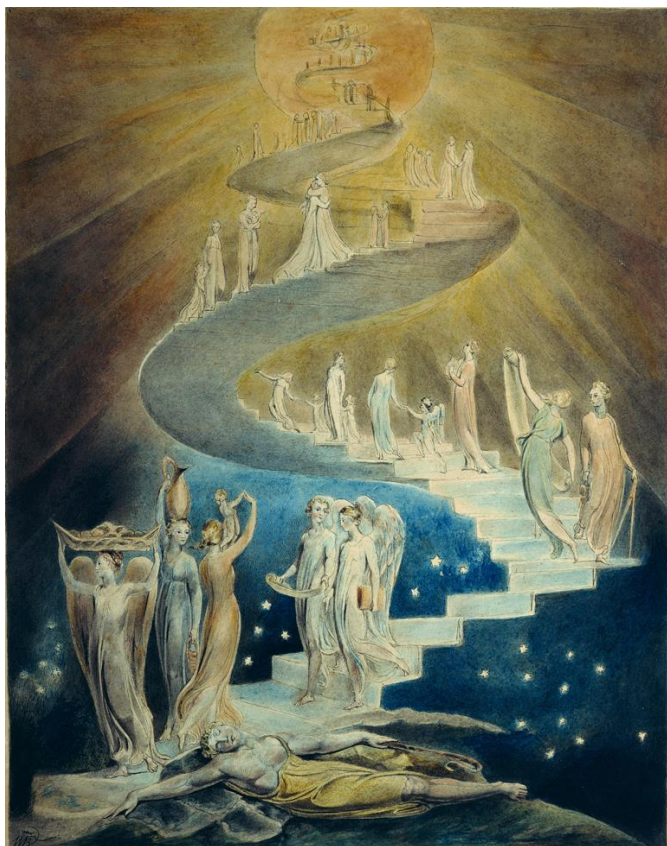


ORDER OF SERVICE
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 19th 2020



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	The Rev'd Paul Kett
Preacher	The Rev'd Joel Steiner
Readers	The Ven. Ken Cardwell, Ken Hull, Ann Coughlin
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Singer	Kevin Bradshaw - Baritone
Organist	Marlin Nagtegaal

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude	For the Mountains Shall Depart from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn Kevin Bradshaw - Baritone
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*For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed;
but my kindness shall not depart from thee,
neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed,
saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.*

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.
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.**

Lament Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming
in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

Collect of the Day

Officiant

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.
(Genesis 28:10-19A)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night."

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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 to the Romans.
(Romans 8:12-25)

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.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 478 Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

1. Almighty God, thy word is cast
like seed into the ground:
now let the dew of heaven descend
and righteous fruits abound.

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

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to
Matthew.
(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went

away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev'd Joel Steiner

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant Let us confess our faith 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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of
Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the
world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and
gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your
intentions. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our
Rector; and for those of our own and other faiths in our
community and neighbourhood, that even as we are
distanced from each other we may be faithful in the ministry
to which our Lord calls us.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear us, O God.
<i>People</i>	Your mercy is great.

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labour pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer, and you are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way, including those we now name aloud, or remember silently. (*A time of silence*).

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities, even in a time of restricted gathering, and travel. We pray for the safety of all who provide service in our community, even at risk to their own health. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places close to us. Gather us with them on the day of salvation.

Reader Hear us, O God.
People **Your mercy is great.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Final Hymn 434

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

1. The love of Jesus calls us
our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings
we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings,
unasked yet still received,
and for the generations
who faithfully believed.
2. The love of Jesus calls,
that we may always be
companions on a journey,
where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom
which times does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty,
and every duty joy.
4. The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators
in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women
may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice
may give God's kingdom birth.

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 for ever. Amen.

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.**

Organ Postlude

***Preston will be away on vacation July 4th- July 27th.
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The Prayers of the People July 19, 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, The Most Reverend Joel Atiwag Pachao, Prime Bishop of the Philippines; and for the clergy and people there, and for our mutual mission.

PRAY for Todd, our Bishop; Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Marinez, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Amazonia; 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 this week we pray for Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson, Indigenous Bishop Sid Black, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people and clergy in Essex Deanery, and especially this week for the Parishes of St. Andrew's Church, Harrow; St. Mark-by-the-Lake, Tecumseh; and the parish of Windsor which includes All Saint's Church, Windsor; and Church of the Ascension, Windsor.

FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE

PRAY for the Diocese of Amazonia, companion diocese of the Diocese of Huron, for its ministry and mission, and for the people it serves. Pray for the Right Reverend Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto, Bishop of Amazonia.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KITCHENER

WE PRAY this week for Keith Regehr, Syd an Louis Reginato, Gord and Diane Roberts, Doug and Norma Robertson, and their families.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

Colleen, Pat, Tracy, Marlin, John and Family, Nicholas, Catherine, Miriam, John, Cy, Guy, Connor, Emily, Ron and Anne, Melanie, Alison, Jennifer, Franco, Joe and Gabrielle, David, Scott, Andrea, James, Linda, Wayne, Ida, Catherine, Carman, Heather, Sherri, Ann, Sheila, Farzana, Scott, Vivian, Carla, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Jennifer, Kristine.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the bishop and clergy of our Deanery, ministers of the Gospel everywhere, and leaders of other faith groups, as they face continuing challenges to performing effective ministry during these days. Pray for rest and refreshment during vacation time. Help us to support them and to respect all they are doing for us and for the church. Help us to know and to understand that the church continues, even when our worship together is temporarily suspended. May we embrace this temporary change, and still find ways to fulfill our calling to care for all people.

PRAY for the health of people throughout the world, and in our own community as we continue to deal with the Covid 19 virus. Be with those who are ill, those who care for the sick, and with the families of all who have died due to this illness. Give us wisdom to keep ourselves safe, and to show consideration for how our actions may affect others. Help us to find patience to deal with all things that may seem to inconvenience us, and to find joy and happiness in the small things each day.

PRAY for our neighbours, and all in our community, who live in poverty, and with addiction, homelessness, lack of employment, and lack of self-worth. Pray especially for those particularly vulnerable in this time of pandemic. Give thanks and pray for all social agencies that provide care, attention, and a human presence in this time of loneliness and confusion.

Parish and Community Announcements

St. John's Garden Contest Fundraiser! We are thrilled to present our newest fundraising venture! We at St. John's have a distinct green thumb. Now is the chance to showcase your green passion.

Parishioners are invited to submit their gardens in 12 different categories. We are all invited to vote for our favourite gardens! The winners of each category will be featured in a special 2021 calendar. The grand prize winner (chosen by a juror) will be featured on the cover of the calendar, receive a \$100 gift card graciously donated by Colour Paradise Greenhouses

Entries are \$10 each.

Votes cost \$1 each (minimum purchase of 5 votes).

The categories are as follows

- Best Annuals Garden
- Best Perennial Garden
- Best New Garden
- Best Planter or Hanger
- Best Balcony or Patio Garden
- Best Indoor Garden
- Best Food Garden
- Best Curb Appeal
- Best Nighttime Garden
- Best Roses
- Best Water Feature
- Best Hedge/Shrub Trimming and Pruning

Submissions close July 25

Voting begins July 27 and closes August 10

Winners will be announced August 23

For info, contest rules, and submissions go to
<https://www.stjohn316.com/st-johns-garden-contest/>

Food Not Bombs Call for Help Every week, as Food Not Bombs and the Kitchen Co-op (partner with St John's) use our church kitchen to prepare food to be given away to

unsheltered and marginalized people. We use 750 gm and 500 gm yogurt tubs (or similar size) that we sanitize in our dishwasher first. We use about 50 of these per week, so there is a consistent need for them.

Could you please save these for us, wash them, and drop them off in the Food Not Bombs large Rubbermaid tub that is just inside the Duke Street doors. Drop off times are Wednesday 2 - 7:30 and Friday 2 - 4. Someone from the Social Development Centre will answer the door bell and receive these. Thank you all.

Office Summer Hours The *virtual* office is open Wednesday-Friday 9am-noon for the months of July and August. Calls and emails will only be answered during those hours. Meetings for Preston and Rebecca will only be held virtually, by phone or over zoom. Neither Preston nor Rebecca are currently working from the church building.

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 4% but also provides the tax receipt directly to you and provides a donation report to us! [Here's the link](#)