

ORDER OF SERVICE
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 5th, 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

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

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 85:1-10

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us then, O God our Saviour; *
let your anger depart from us.

Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

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 Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but 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 24:34-67)

*So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly
blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has*

given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." I said to my master, "Perhaps the woman will not follow me." But he said to me, "The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father's house. Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

Then Laban and Bethuel answered, 'The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. Look, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken.'

When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord. And the servant brought out jewellery of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, 'Send me back to my master.' Her brother and her mother said, 'Let the girl remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.' But he said to them, 'Do not delay me, since the Lord has made my journey successful; let me go, that I may go to my master.' They said, 'We will call the girl, and ask her.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

*'May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.'*

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took

Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45:11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *|
he is your master; therefore do him honour.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favour."

All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

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 of Paul to the Romans.
(Romans 7:15-25A)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I

want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gradual Hymn

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
til the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to
Matthew.
(Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the

wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground in these days when we cannot gather together for worship. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices who will continue to inspire us with hopefulness for a new and better day. Free us from a stagnant faith. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for all places of prayer and worship in our community and neighbourhood, that even as we are separated from each other we may share together in the ministry to which our Lord calls us.

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

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living.

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People **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations, especially for Canada and our neighbour the United States, as we celebrate the founding of our respective countries in these past days. Guide leaders in developing fair and just policies, and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us into expansive love for all our neighbours.

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

We pray for all in need: for all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, oppressed, or lacking hope in this time of viral pandemic. We give thanks for health-care workers, first responders, and all who endanger their own health by serving the wider community. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation to those we now name aloud or remember silently. (*A time of silence*). Free us from all that keeps us bound.

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

We pray for our parish. Bless our clergy and leadership team. Help us to rise to our present form of worship as we are separated from each other. Give rest and refreshment to clergy, especially Preston, as they take time for vacation. Strengthen them for all that they are called to do. Help us to be the living church even when we cannot meet in the building we call the church. Shine in our lives that we may notice the ways your love transforms our lives.

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

We give thanks for those who have died in faith, Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life.

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

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Final Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Sing ye praises to the Father,
sing ye praises to the Son,
sing ye praises to the Spirit,
living and eternal One.
God has made us, and has blessed us,

and has called us to be true;
god is Lord of all creation,
daily making all things new.

3. praising on our days of gladness
for the summons to rejoice,
praising in our times of sadness
for the comfort of God's voice.
Hail, Creator, strong and loving,
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, sustaining Spirit -
be thy holy named adored!

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.**

Parish 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.**

Organ Postlude

Preston will be away on vacation July 4th- July 27th.

**In case of any Pastoral Concerns, please contact
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The Prayers of the People July 5, 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the united Church of Pakistan, The Most Reverend Humphrey Peters, Bishop of Peshawar and Moderator of the Church of Pakistan; 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 The Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Athabasca. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the congregations of the southern area of the Saskatchewan Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people and clergy in Essex Deanery.

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 Nathan Packiyanathan and Nalini Marimuthu, Preston Parsons and Karen Sunabacka, Kevin and Maureen Park, Bernice Payne, 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. Ask for strength, encouragement, and wisdom. Pray for rest and refreshment during vacation time. May they know our love for them and our deep appreciation for 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 as part of our calling to care for all people.

PRAY for governments and health services in in our world, our country, and our community, as we continue to deal with this health crisis. As protocols and routines begin to change, help us to continue to be wise in our self-care. Be with those who are ill, and with the families of all who have died due to this illness.

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

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.

From the 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.

Errand Buddy Do you require assistance during this uncertain time? Do you need help getting groceries, prescriptions, and other essential items? Are you a high-risk individual who should remain in the home? We have a growing roster of "Errand Buddies" who are offering up assistance to those in our congregation who need it. If you require assistance from this ministry, please contact the main office by phone (519-743-0228) or by email church@stjohn316.com and we will set you up with someone in your area.

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](#)

Communication and Email If you are not on our email list, please drop us a line so we can update and add you onto our list! This is also a great time to provide us with updated contact information so we can make sure we continue to communicate with each other! Drop a line to the office at church@stjohn316.com