

ORDER OF SERVICE
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30th 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	Jay Baker
Preacher	The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons
Readers	Tianna Gocan, Ken Hull
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Organist	Marlin Nagtegaal
Singers	Bonnee Brohman, Lynda Smith, Sandra Roy

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude	Nun Beut die Flur - from Haydn's Creation <i>Rebecca McKay - Soprano</i> <i>Corinne Dutton - Piano</i>
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Fresh greenery has now appeared on the meadows
Offering delight to the eyes.
The lovely view is
Lifted higher by the gentle decoration of the flowers.
Herbs smell of balm here;
The cures for wounds are sprouting here.
The branches bend down under the weight of golden fruit;
The group of trees forms a vault here and offers cool protection,
The steep mountain crowns a thick forest.

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You have withdrawn all your fury *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.

Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 Exodus.
(Exodus 3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45C

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah!

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 12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn 450

You Call Us, Lord, to Be

1. You call us, Lord, to be
a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

4. You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
(Matthew 16:21-28)

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons

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 faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set
the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in
you, that we might lose our lives for the sake of the Christ.
and thereby discover joy in life through him. 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.

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

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation.

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

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we see as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they may advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities.

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

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (*A time of silence*).

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

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make us a living example of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good.

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

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light. In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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

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

Closing Hymn 500

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

1. Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

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.**

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.**

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

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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Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, 1606-1669. Jeremiah lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 30, 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the united Church of South India, The Most Reverend Dharmaraj Rasalam, Moderator and Bishop of South Kerala ; and for our mutual ministry.

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 Bishop Chris Harper, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for Bishop Greg Mohr, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people and clergy in Huron/Perth Deanery, and especially this week for the Regional Ministry of South Huron which includes Trivitt Memorial, Exeter; St. John's-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend; and St. Anne's Church, Port Franks.

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 Gary and Bernice Vannatter, Bryce and Nancy Walker, Nik Ward-Campbell and Andrea Balfour, Brian and Gillian Westwood, and their families.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

Colleen, Pat, Tracy, Marlin, John and Family, Nicholas, Catherine, John, 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, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Kyle, Sherri, Elysse, Percival and Janet

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, ministers of the Gospel, and leaders of other faith groups, Help us to support each other as we minister to others. As we prepare for more change, may we 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 Covid19 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 especially for all who are disadvantaged by hunger, homelessness, mental illness, and unemployment. We give thanks for those in our community who are working to provide temporary shelter for those who have no place to go.

Parish and Community Announcements

Congrats to the winners of our Garden Contest!

DEHUMIDIFIER REQUEST. If you happen to have a dehumidifier which isn't being used, and which you'd be

willing to donate or loan to the church, we would appreciate it to help keep the basement and contents dry. Please contact Jonathan Malton (jmalton@gto.net) or Dave Sapelak (dbsapelak@gmail.com) to arrange pickup.

From the Office The *virtual* office will reopen to regular hours starting September 1st. **Calls and emails will be answers Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm.** Any use of church building or visits to the office will be BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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](#)