

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 6th 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 & Preacher	The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons
Readers	Tianna Gocan, The Rev'd Paul Kett, The Ven. Ken Cardwell
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Organist	Marlin Nagtegaal
Singers	Bonnee Brohman, Lynda Smith, Sandra Roy

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *The Call from Five Mystical Songs*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Jay Baker, tenor; Krystyna Higgins, piano*

*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.**

**Opening Hymn 349** **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

### Collect of the Day

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people,  
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,  
we may by you be richly rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive 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 12:1-14)

*The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let*

*none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

*This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.*

**Reader**            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 149

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgement decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
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 13:8-14)

*Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.*

*Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 361**      **Surely It Is God Who Saves Me**

1. Surely it is God who saves me;  
I shall trust and have no fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me  
and his saving help is near.  
So rejoice as you draw water  
from salvation's healing spring;  
in the day of your deliverance  
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2. Make God's deeds known to the peoples:  
tell out his exalted name.

Praise the Lord, who has done great things;\][  
all his works God's might proclaim.  
Zion, lift your voice in singing;  
for with you has come to dwell,  
in your very midst, the great and  
Holy One of Israel.

**Reader** A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.  
(Matthew 18:15-20)

*Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

**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 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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

#### *A brief silence*

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in our community. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the World Council of Churches. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for members of all faith communities in our neighbourhood, that we may find ways to work together to serve the needs of this community, even as we are distanced from each other.

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

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and

enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution.

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

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbours. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all.

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

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbours to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence.  
(*A time of silence*).

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

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labour. Help us to love our neighbours in and through our work.

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

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation.

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

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



## Closing Hymn 309

## Praise the Lord with the Sound

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow  
or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.
2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment;  
nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

### Announcements

### 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.**

*Officiant*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Love Bade Me Welcome*

from *Five Mystical Songs* - Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Jay Baker, tenor; Krystyna Higgins, piano*

***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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The Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons

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The Reverend Paul Kett

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# **Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 6 2020, 2020**

## **IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba, Primate, and Archbishop of Capetown, and for our common mission and ministry.

PRAY for Todd, our Bishop; Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia, our companion Diocese; 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 theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School; the Centre for Christian Studies; the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad; Henry Budd College for Ministry; St. John's College; Dr. William Winter School for Ministry; James Settee College for Ministry.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we join in praying for The Right to Water and a renewed commitment to the stewardship of creation.

## **IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

PRAY for parishes in Huron/Perth Deanery, this week praying especially for St. James Church, St. Mary's; St. James, St. Paul's, and St. Stephen's, all in Stratford.

## **FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE**

Pray for the Diocese of Amazonia, for Bishop Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassoto, Bishop, and for our common mission and ministry.

### **FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

WE PRAY this week for Brian and Gillian Westwood, David Whitfield and Linda Jarrett, Perez and Venetia Whitfield, Nathan Winger, 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, Mike

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the Bishop, Archdeacon, regional Dean and clergy of our Deanery, ministers of the Gospel everywhere, and leaders of other faith groups, especially during these times of stress and change. As we prepare for more change, may we continue to 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 face new challenges in our lives. Pray for teachers, students, and parents as schools attempt to re-open. Be with those who care for the sick and those who face increased health compromise in these days. Pray especially for all who are disadvantaged by hunger, homelessness, mental illness, and unemployment. Give thanks for those in our community who are working to provide temporary shelter for those who have nowhere to call home.

## **Parish and Community Announcements**

**Calling all sewers!** When we are allowed back in the church building for in person services we need to have some cloth masks on hand to give to people who forget their mask. Have you been sewing masks and are willing to create a few for St. John's to give away? Contact Sharon Sapelak (519-503-5241 or [sapelak@golden.net](mailto:sapelak@golden.net)) and let her know. She can arrange for an errand buddy to pick them up if needed. We'll need the first set of masks by September 19

**From the Office** The office is open virtually as Rebecca works from home. **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](mailto:church@stjohn316.com)).
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