

ORDER OF SERVICE
The Reign of Christ
November 22nd 2020 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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MORNING PRAYER AT TEN O'CLOCK

Officiant	The Ven. Ken Cardwell
Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Kett
Reader	Angus Sheach
Tech Support	Simon Guthrie
Organist	Sarah Cardwell
Singers	Bruce Wheatcroft, Bill Hutton, Angus Sheach, Jonathan Malton

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

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.

The community prays silently.

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.**

Hymn 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
win your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
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 Ezekiel.
(Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather

them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 (sung by choir)

Sing a joyful noise to the Beloved
 all peoples of the earth!

Serve Love with a glad heart!
 Join hands in the great
 Dance of Life!

Know that the Beloved of your heart
 is the Divine Presence!

Love created us, and we belong to
 the Most High;

We are born to be loving,
 expressions of the Creator's
 Divine Plan.

Open the gates of your heart

with gratitude
and enter Love's court with praise!
Give thanks to the Beloved,
bless Love's holy Name!

For Love is of God, and lives
in your heart forever,
With faith, truth, and joy, now
and in all that is to come.

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Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Ephesus. (*Ephesians 1:15-23*)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew. (Matthew 25:31-46)

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon

The Rev'd Paul Kett

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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and for members of all faith communities in our neighbourhood, that we may be purposeful in working together to serve the needs of this community.

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

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth.

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

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation.

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

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. We remember those who have asked us to pray for them, naming them aloud, or recalling them silently. (*A time of silence*).

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

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's, youth, and campus ministries, as they nurture the gifts of young people.

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

Thank you for the saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example that we may see your presence in those in need around us.

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

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, until that day when we gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **AMEN.**

Hymn 585

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the angry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

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.**

Choir Anthem

King of Glory King of Peace (text: Hymn 345) D.C. Walker

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

Darwall - M. Archer

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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Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 22 2020

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Church of Bermuda, The Right Reverend Nicholas Dill, Bishop of Bermuda, 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 Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we pray for the General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation. We also pray for the members of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes in London Deanery, this week praying especially for the people and parishes of All Saint's Church, London; Church of the Ascension, London; Church of the Epiphany, London; and Church of the Transfiguration, London.

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 Stephanie Airey, Margaret Anderson, Douglas and Shirley Apperson, Lorraine Atkinson, 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, Lee, Tianna, Todd and Rebecca, Jeannie, Susan, Hazel, Alice, Valerie, Cedric

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND FOR THOSE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

The flowers by the Eagle are given in loving memory of Betty and Bob Jones, a gift of their Family

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. As some return to worship in church buildings, and others choose to be a part of virtual worship experiences, may we be mindful of each other, and patient with changes that will of necessity include new and different ways of worship and parish life. Help us 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 continue to face challenges in our lives. Pray for teachers, students, and parents. 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, and others who are partnering to provide affordable housing and housing for developmentally-challenged adults.

Parish and Community Announcements

Canadian Church Calendars After filling all of the orders there are 4 remaining calendars at \$6 each. If you would like one, please contact Stephanie Airey at 519-742-7299 or email acw@stjohn316.com. Many thanks for your support.

Christmas Cookie Sale Jean Wright's beautiful and delicious shortbread cookies are available again this year for Christmas! \$5/dozen with all proceeds going to the ACW to help those in need. They are placed on decorative plates, ready for gift-giving. Call Jean at 519-390-0213 to place your order and arrange delivery. Thank you Jean!

Donation Options There are many ways you can continue your contributions to St. John's

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2. Drop off cash donations to the office through the mail slot in the office door. Write your name on the envelope!
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4. Sign up for, or make changes to your DEFT by contacting the office (519-743-0228 or church@stjohn316.com).
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