

ORDER OF SERVICE
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17th 2021 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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2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty God,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.
May your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Readings

Reader A Reading from the Book of Samuel
(Samuel 3:1-20)

*Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli.
The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were
not widespread.*

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

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

Psalm

Psalm 139:1-5, 13-14, 16-18

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Refrain: Lord, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

You know when I rise up; you know when I rest
you read my thoughts from far away

You watch over each step; you know when I sleep;
you are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my lips,
you know what is in my heart.

You are before me and behind me, and all around me;
you lay your hand upon me.

Every part of me, O Lord, you created;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonder of all you have made.

Lord, you know me through and through;
You saw me before I was born;

My days were recorded in your book
even before my days were to come.

How dear to me are your thoughts, O God;
I could never count them.

I could not count them any more than I could count the sand,
and if I could, you would still be with me. *Refrain*

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church in Corinth.

(1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to John.
(John 1:43-51)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered,

A brief silence

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the Gospel, that following Jesus, the church will live out its calling every day. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and other worshipping communities in our neighbourhood and beyond. For help in finding ways to work together to bring light to our world

Reader Let us pray.
People **Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we may serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home

Reader Let us pray.
People **Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, especially the government and people of the United States, that they may provide protection to all people especially the most vulnerable

Reader Let us pray.
People **Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, including all we name aloud or remember in silence, (*A time for reflection*), that God will console all who suffer

Reader Let us pray.
People **Have mercy, O God.**

For our neighbourhood, for those worshipping with us for the first time, and those returning, that all who seek to know God are nourished by their experience

Reader Let us pray.
People **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives may give us a vision of the gospel in action

Reader Let us pray.
People **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN.**

Anthem

View me, Lord

Richard Lloyd

View me, Lord, a work of thine
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys like shadows fade
When the heav'nly light appears;
But the cov'nants thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days, nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Text Thomas Campion

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 forever. Amen.**

Hymn 508

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon thy breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
‘til travelling days are done.

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 17 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Anglican Church of Australia, and its the people and clergy.

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 Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we pray for Executive Director, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Oxford Deanery, and especially this week for St. John's Church, Tillsonburg; Church of the Epiphany, Woodstock; and Old St. Paul's, Woodstock.

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 Sarah and Darryl Dunkley, Run Dunkley, Corinne Dutton, Enid and David Emery, and their families.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

Tracy, Ron and Anne, Wayne, Ida, Vivian, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Percival and Janet, Mike, Rebecca and Todd, Jeannie, Valerie, Cedric, Hazel, Al and Ann, St. John's, Margaret and George Strack, Maxine, Pat

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FOR FOR WHOM FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of our dear friend Monie Morgan by Carla McLennan, Jennifer Uttley, Phyllis Lowe and June Strassburger.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the Archdeacon, regional Dean and clergy of our Deanery, ministers of the Gospel everywhere, and leaders of other faith groups. With restrictions on our worship life together, may we be mindful of each other, and quick to practice love and compassion in all our words and actions. Help us continue to find ways to fulfill our calling to care for all people.

PRAY for students who are learning at home, for teachers who continue to teach in creative and engaging ways, and for parents who must find ways of working at home as well as supporting children in their studies.

PRAY for the health of people throughout the world, and in our own community, as we continue to face challenges in our lives. Be with those who care for the sick and those who face increased health compromise in these days. In this winter season 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.

Parish Announcements and Events

Vestry Meeting: The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held Sunday, February 7, in a Zoom meeting following the 10am. Financial statements will be distributed at a brief Financial Town Hall following the livestream on Zoom Sunday, January 31st.

New Weekly Bible Study: St John's is starting a weekly online Bible study on a week-day morning yet to be decided. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ken Hull at krhull@uwaterloo.ca or 519-579-8335.

Christmas Cookies THANK YOU to our tireless and beloved baker extraordinaire, Jean Wright, who raised \$230 for the ACW this year selling her dee-lish Christmas shortbread cookies. Her beautifully decorated and gift-wrapped cookies were sent as far away as Chemainus, BC this year! Many thanks Jean!

Parish Prayer List You may notice that the number of people in the "For Friends and Family Who Are Ill" section of the parish prayers has become much shorter. If we've made a mistake, and someone has been removed in error, please contact the Rector (rector@stjohn316.com) or the Office (church@stjohn316.com).

PEOPLE AT HOME TALKING MOVIES Thoughtful conversations to keep us connected through the pandemic. Join in any of the upcoming online gatherings. Find the movie (check online streaming services, libraries, and brick-and-mortar shops), watch it, and connect via Zoom for a lightly-facilitated hour-long conversation.

Our upcoming series explores the themes of division and divisiveness. What might these movies say about human communities and the human predicament? How can we transcend discord, polarization, and isolation?

- The King's Choice: Friday, January 22, 7:00 PM
- The French Lieutenant's Woman: Saturday, February 13, 3:00 PM
- The Lady in the Van: Friday, February 26, 7:00 PM
- Do the Right Thing: Saturday, March 13, 3:00 PM
- The Endless: Saturday, March 20, 3:00 PM

For the Zoom coordinates send an email to
FrMatthewKieswetter@gmail.com

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](#)

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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