

ORDER OF SERVICE
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24th 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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MORNING PRAYER AT TEN O'CLOCK

Officiant & Preacher	The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons
Reader	Marianne Mellinger
Singer	Laura Doric, Andrea Balfour, Dave Sapelak
Tech Support	Mohan Thomas
Organist	Sarah Cardwell

Prelude Matins - Healey Willan

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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.**

Hymn 430

Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let me name be known,

will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
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

The Readings

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jonah.
(Jonah 3:1-5,10)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

arr. Robert Batasini

Refrain: Rest in God alone, rest in God alone, my soul, my soul

Yet be still my soul, and wait for God:
from whom comes my hope of deliverance.
God only is my rock and my salvation:
my tower of strength, so that I stand unshaken. *Refrain*

In God is my deliverance and my honor:
the rock of my strength and my place of refuge.
Put your trust in God always, you people:
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.
Refrain

For we mortals are only a puff of wind;
the great among us are but illusion:

weighed in the balance they rise upward,
all of them lighter than air. *Refrain*

Put no trust in extortion,
set no vain hopes on plunder:
if riches increase,
do not set your heart upon them. *Refrain*

Once God has spoken, and twice I have heard God say:
"Power belongs to God alone."
Steadfast love, O Lord, is yours:
and you reward us all according to our deeds. *Refrain*

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the church
in Corinth. (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.
(Mark 1:14-20)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately

For the church throughout the world, for clergy and teachers, for parish leaders, for musicians and those who assist in leading worship, that all may proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love. We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and other worshipping communities in our community 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 skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water for all, and for the well-being of creation, that God will raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth,

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

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for President Biden, Vice-President Harris, and the new administration in the United States, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God will inspire all people in the just use of wealth,

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

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, including those we now name aloud or remember in silence, (A time of reflection), that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy may surround them,

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

For our parish and community, for families and those who live alone, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love may serve as a model for all relationships,

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

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they may point us to salvation through Christ,

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

For Where Love Is, There Is God

D. Wagner

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 432

Jesus Call Us! O'er the Tumult

1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joy and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasure,
"Christian, love me more than these."
5. Jesus call us! by thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

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.

Postlude

Fugue - J. Pachelbel

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 24 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church of Bangladesh, 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 The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this week we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Saugeen Deanery, and especially this week for St. George's, Clarksburg; Church of the Messiah, Kincardine; and St. Luke's, Pine River.

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 Geraldine Engel, Dennis and Wilma Ewald, Mark and Sandra Ewald, Pamela Fisher, 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 Lovro and Manda Doric, a gift of the Doric family

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 serve the public while facing personal health risks. 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 food, clothing, and temporary shelter for those who have nowhere to call home, and others who are partnering to provide affordable housing.

Parish Announcements and Events

On Eagles' Wings Submissions The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, January 31st. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie (sarah.guthrie@gmail.com) by end-of-day Thursday, January 28th.

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).

A letter from our Refugee Family

Hello St John's church/kitchener

Hello Everyone from Esperance, James, Cedric and Ariane.

We are here to say thank you for all kind of support and friendship that St John's church members are showing us.

We are so glad to have you as part of or family here in Canada.

Thank you for the help and support you've given us during the hardest time of our lives while we are working so hard to settle in Canada.

For giving to my kids the happiest Christmas gift. My words can not describe how grateful we are to you but you guys are a blessing to us. May you keep doing that for other refugee families. God has always a way to repay kindness that we do for others.

*We love you so much
From The Bahavu's family*

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

Rector

The Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons

Assistant Clergy

The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

Rector's Warden Marianne Mellinger

People's Warden David Sapelak

Deputy Warden Debbie Sheach

Interim Music Director Sarah Cardwell

Parish Administrator Rebecca McKay

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