

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 31st 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	Nik Ward-Campbell
Singer	Sue Doran
Tech Support	Mohan Thomas
Organist	Sarah Cardwell

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Prelude                      Arise and Shine in Splendor - J. Brahms

## 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 559

### Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us,  
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart!  
light of light, from God proceeding,  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

## **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

Living God,  
in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your glory;  
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**

### **The Readings**

*Reader*    A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.  
(Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

*The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me  
from among your own people; you shall heed such a  
prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at  
Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear*

*the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."*

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

## **Psalm**

Psalm 111:1-2, 9-10

Hal. H. Hopson

*Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart;  
I will give thanks in the great congregation of the people.  
Great are the deeds of the Lord;  
God's deeds are a delight to all who know them. *Refrain*

God's works are full of might and splendour;  
God's goodness endures forevermore.  
The works of God will be remembered.  
The Lord is gracious and full of tender love. *Refrain*

God ordained the covenant  
and sent redemption to the people;  
Holy and blessed is God's name.  
Wisdom and understanding begin with a reverence for God.  
May the praise of God last forevermore. *Refrain*

*Reader*    A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the church  
in Corinth. (1 Corinthians 8:1-13)

*Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet*

*have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.*

**Reader**            **The Word of the Lord.**

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

**Reader**    A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.  
(Mark 1:21-28)

*They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying*

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

## Silent Reflection

*Officiant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence*

For all who share the Gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, clergy and lay leaders; for Todd, our Bishop; Preston, our Rector; and other worshipping congregations in our community and beyond; for the church and its ministries,

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

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists,

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

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid lawyers, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society,

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

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: for those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, all who are affected by COVID 19, and all in any need, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence (a pause for reflection); for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides,

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

For the concerns of our parish members: those living alone with limited contact with family and friends; those who have had to change plans for travel; those who feel cut off from worship; for the people of God here and everywhere and for other needs in our community,

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

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for those who have died in faith,

*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**

A Child So Wise

V. Persichetti

When Jesus Christ was four years old  
Angels brought Him toys of gold  
Which no man ever had bought or sold.  
And yet with these He would not play  
He made Him small fowl out of clay.  
And blessed them till they flew away.  
Tu creasti Domine.  
Jesus Christ thou child so wise,  
Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,  
And bring my soul to Paradise.

Hilaire Belloc

## **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 455**

## **Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**

1. Dear God, compassionate and kind,  
forgive our foolish ways.  
reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like their who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee!
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!

## **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

# **Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 31 2021**

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

PRAY for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, (The Anglican Church in Brazil), 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 Reverend David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

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. Matthew's Church, Kingarf, St. Thomas', Walkerton; and Trinity, Durham.

## **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 Vi Gaudet, Scott and Cindy Gibson, Lorna Glencross, Tianna Gocan, 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, Franco, Daisy

## **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 our annual Vestry meeting next Sunday, that we may meet together as the family of God in this place, celebrate our past year with thanksgiving, and look to the year ahead with hopefulness.

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**

**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.

**Lenten Bible Study** The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, this year. One of the many ways you may choose to observe Lent is by joining a study programme. I intend to offer time and space to reflect on the Gospel of Mark, and particularly the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Lent, all in the comfort of your own home. We will use the Zoom format for our meetings, beginning Thursday February 18, and concluding Thursday March 25. I am suggesting an evening meeting, about an hour in length, say 7 to 8 pm. Please email me if you are interested in joining us.

Paul Kett [paulkett45@gmail.com](mailto:paulkett45@gmail.com)

**New Weekly Bible Study** St John's is starting a weekly online Bible study on Tuesday mornings from 11:00am-noon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ken Hull at [krhull@uwaterloo.ca](mailto: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](mailto:rector@stjohn316.com)) or the Office ([church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com)).

### **Valentine Victuals**

Do you want to do something special for someone you care about?

Are you getting a bit tired of your own cooking?

Wouldn't you just love for someone to arrive at your door with a .delicious three course meal that you did nothing at all to make (even the delectable dessert)?

Well, we here at St. Johns are making that dream a reality! For a mere \$30.00 per person( including Taxes, delivery and gratuity) you can have that delightful meal delivered to your door on Sunday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>!

Yes, Valentines day!

Treat your self, some friends, family, your favourite front line worker, or someone you think could use a sign you care.

This Valentine Victual can be yours by calling Monday-Friday between 10am and 5pm:

Andrea 519-501-2016

Nik 519-501-0456

Final orders are extended to February 1st!

All proceeds to further the support and work of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

### Dinner is

- Fresh Baguette with creamy butter
- Caesar Salad with Crispy Romaine, crumbled bacon, rich house dressing topped with Parmesan Shavings
- Lemon Za'atar Pacific Salmon with Winter Vegetables & Herbed Couscous
- Tiramisu with Chocolate Crumbles

*\*Please note, this meal is prepared by us but must be cooked at your home. It cannot be frozen and enjoyed at a later time\**

**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)).
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

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