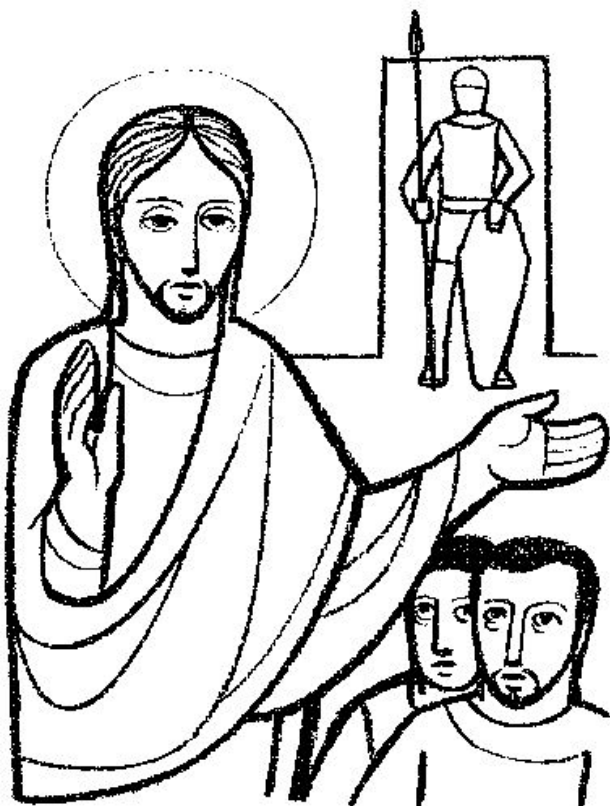


ORDER OF SERVICE
Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 6 2021 10am



**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	Deb Sheach
Singer	Rebecca McKay, Jocelyn Truscott, Corinne Dutton, Jonathan Malton
Tech Support & Recording	Mohan Thomas, Jonathan Malton
Organist	Dave Sapelak

Prelude Prélude Grave - Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

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.

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 593

O God of Every Nation
tune: Llangloffan

1. O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us

and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

2. From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness in your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.
3. Lord, strengthen all who labour
that all may find release
from fear of rattling sabre,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.
4. Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and love shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

O God,
you have assured the human family
of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,

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 First Book of Samuel.
(1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20)

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots.

He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and

that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm138

Tone V.1

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;

But you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for he;
O Lord, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the
 Church in Corinth. (2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1)

*But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in
accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we
also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the
one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus,*

and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.
(Mark 3:20-35)

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain Jesus, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" - for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my

Let us come before the triune God in reverence and prayer, holding up the needs of the world, the church, and our own family and friends.

A brief silence

God of wholeness, we pray for people of faith throughout the world. Unite us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as to share your love with all. We pray for Todd, our Bishop, and for Preston, our Rector. Help us respond to your call to embrace the many needs of our community and neighbourhood, and to work faithfully with others to bring healing, comfort, and friendship.

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

God of the cosmos, we pray for all of creation; the gardens, waterways, and creatures around us, and for diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Bless farmers and market gardeners in these days of seeding and caring for new growth.

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

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good.

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

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who may have begun to lose heart. Strengthen us and renew us with your Spirit. We include those we name aloud, or remember silently. (A time for individual prayer and reflection).

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

God of comfort and love, we stand with our Indigenous sisters and brothers in their pain, grief, and anger over the recent discovery of the death of 215 residential school children in Kamloops. Show us ways to turn our sorrow into words, and our anger into action, that they may know your presence with us all in these dark days. Help us to do our part in mending the Sacred Circle in prayer, love, and concern for one another.

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

God of compassion, we pray for those charged with the task of selecting a Music Director for our parish. Give them wisdom and understanding as they move forward. We pray also for those who may be considering this position, that their talents and abilities will be formed by their love for you and the worship of your church.

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

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy.

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

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **AMEN.**

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation
Jesus, of God and Mary the Son;

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour,
O thou my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers, Fairer still the sons of men,
In all the freshness of youth arrayed:
Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;
My Jesus, thine will never fade.

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 577

God of Grace and God of Glory
tune: Cwm Rhonda

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness.
bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail ourselves and thee.

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 Prelude V of Well-Tempered Clavichord - J.S. Bach

Prayer Intentions for the Week of June 6th 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), for its clergy and people, and our common ministry and mission.

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 we pray this week for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Canterbury College, Huron College, Renison College, the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University, Thorneloe University, Trinity College, Wycliffe College.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we pray this week for Luther College at the University of Regina, and Luther College High School.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Essex Deanery, and especially this week for the Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville; St. Andrew's Church, LaSalle; and St. John the Evangelist, Leamington.

PRAY also for our companion 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 Barbara Shaw, Deb and Angus Sheach, Merrian Smith, Vivian Snead, and their families.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

Tracy, Marlin, Ron and Anne, Wayne, Ida, Vivian, Margaux, Sylvia, Alexander, Percival and Janet, Jeannie, Valerie, Hazel, Margaret and George Strack, Pat, Franco, Grace, Peter's family, especially Judith, and Brian, Kerrie, John and family, Bill, Syliva.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, the clergy of our Deanery, church leaders everywhere, and members of other faith groups. May God's Holy Spirit fill us with enthusiasm as we seek to work with others in fulfilling the mission and ministry to which God calls us.

PRAY for the health of people in our community, and throughout the world, 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. Give thanks for all who are volunteering and working in vaccination clinics in our region and beyond. 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, medical care and temporary shelter for those who have nowhere to call home, and all who are partnering to provide affordable housing.

PRAY for those charged with the task of selecting a Music Director for our parish. Give them wisdom and understanding as they move forward. We pray also for those who may be considering this position, that their talents and abilities will be formed by their love for you and the worship of your church.

Parish Announcements and Events

St. John's Virtual Victuals, Spring 2021 BBQ Edition

Redux For those who lamented the cancellation of the virtual church spring dinner intended for May, get your bibs ready, because the BBQ is back! It's still spring but the days are longer, the temperatures are soaring, and summer is only a few weeks away. Best of all, rates of Covid transmission are down and vaccinations are up, so the stay-at-home order that scuppered May's event will be lifted in mid-June. Which means we can enjoy another delicious Zoom meal together (virtually). And perhaps dream of a day not too far distant when we may actually break bread together in person.

For now, though, we can look forward to the mouth-watering menu that master chef Angus Sheach has planned. Feel free to smack your lips in anticipation yet again as you read it!

Half Rack of Kansas Style BBQ Pork Back Ribs – ribs dry rubbed with DeliWorks' homemade seasoning blend, slow baked and finished with homemade Kansas Style BBQ sauce.

Cowboy Baked Beans – beans, bacon, and onion baked in a sweet and tangy sauce

Jalapeño Cornbread – freshly baked traditional cornbread lightly spiced with fresh jalapeño peppers

Garden Salad – served with Deliworks' house-made sweet and savoury herb vinaigrette

Triple Chocolate Brownie – baked in-house

All meals will be delivered with directions on reheating the food. If you have a barbecue, feel free to reheat the ribs on the grill for that authentic charbroiled flavour.

Event Information

Price: \$30 per meal (includes Covid-safe delivery to your home by masked and sanitized volunteers)

Contact for orders: Andrea Balfour at 519-501-2016 or Nik Ward-Campbell at 519-501-0456 between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm beginning on Wednesday, June 2

Order deadline: Sunday, June 13, at 6:00 pm

Payment: Please pay when you call to order. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Delivery date/time: Saturday, June 19, between 3:30 and 5:00 pm

Zoom: The Zoom virtual dinner will start around 5:30–6:00 pm. Details to follow.

Volunteer drivers are required for this event. If you are willing and able to be a friendly meal delivery volunteer, please contact Andrea.

Director of Music Position Update: As of Monday, May 3 our Director of Music job posting has been sent to various organizations, universities, and individuals throughout Canada and the United States. You can view it and the Music Director Position Description on the St John's website. Applications will be received until June 15. With gratitude to those of you who participated in our Director of Music round table conversations early this spring, and especially to the Music Director Administrative Team of James Brown, Corinne Dutton and Ken Hull who guided the process up to this point. The search committee will include Preston Parsons, Ken Hull, Corinne Dutton, Deb Sheach and will be chaired by Mohan Thomas.

Medical Assessments A note from St. John's parishioner, and Benton Medical Clinic Manager, Melanie Horst:

The Ministry of Health has recently approved telephone assessments to minimize that traffic in a medical facility and reducing exposure. Effective today, my office is now able to offer that. I have spoken with my physicians and they have approved for me to offer this to our church members and community. Many family practice offices are beginning to do this but not all at this time.

If any member of our church or community requires to speak with a physician but would rather not go into a medical facility or leave their home, they may contact me directly and I can register them for a telephone consultation with one of our physicians. Obviously there will be limits to their ability with no physical examinations but will be attempting to cover all care as best as possible in this current climate. They will be able to prescribe medication for acute issues, order lab work or imaging if needed. If this is something that would help anyone please have them contact me by email (melanieh@bentonmedicalclinic.com) or my cell (519-841-8921).

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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The Reverend Paul Kett

Rector's Warden Marianne Mellinger

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