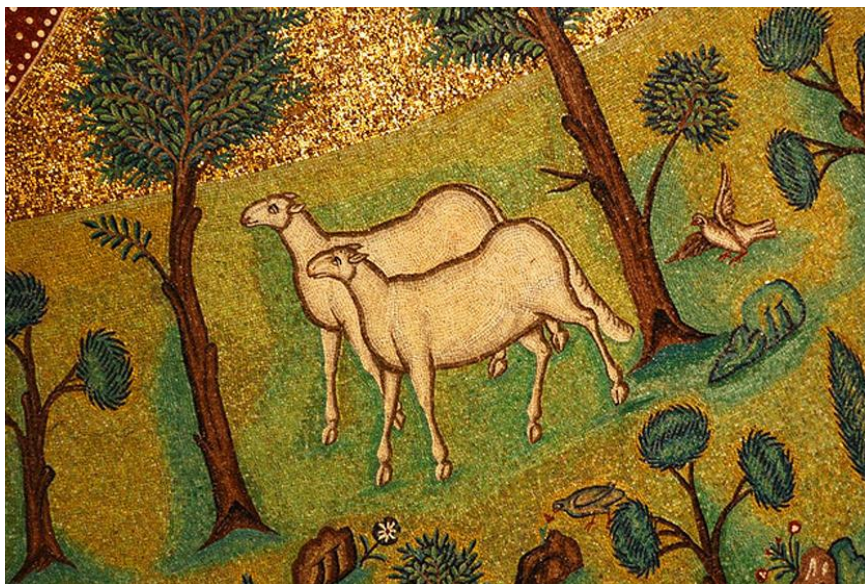


ORDER OF SERVICE
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 18 2021 10am



**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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not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry 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.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 Second Book of Samuel.
(2 Samuel 7:1-14A)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

Psalm

Psalm 89

I have found David my servant
and with my holy oil I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him
nor any wicked man bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him;
and he shall be victorious through my name.

I shall make his dominion extend
from the great sea to the river.

He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock of my salvation!"

I will make him my firstborn,
and higher than the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him forever;
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line forever,
make his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my judgments.

if they break my statutes,
and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod,
and their iniquities with the lash.

But I will not take my love from him,
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness.
“I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure forever.
And his throne as the sun before me;
it shall stand fast evermore like the moon
the abiding witness in the sky.”

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church in
Ephesus. (Ephesians 2:11-22)

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.
(Mark 6:30-34, 53-56)

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev'd James Brown

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

Intercessor: The response to each of the petitions is, "Your mercy is great."

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, priests, and deacons in their proclamation of the Gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. We pray for Todd, our Bishop, and for Preston, our Rector. Encourage us to find ways to work faithfully with others as we respond to your call to embrace the many needs of our community with love and respect.

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

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect

coastlands threatened by rising oceans, and forests ravished by wildfires.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another, and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. We pray for Mary Simon, newly-appointed Governor-General of Canada.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Be present to our Indigenous sisters and brothers in their grief and loss. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill, including all we name aloud, or remember silently. (A time for reflection and personal prayer).

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we can receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbours.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Anthem

King Jesus Hath a Garden

Charles Wood

King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers,
Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.

Refrain:

There naught is heard but Paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal, trump and tymbal,
And the tender, soothing flute.

The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience:
The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience. *Refrain*

The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,
'Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace. *Refrain*

Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,
Make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat.
Refrain

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 440

For All Your Blessings

tune: Bunessan

1. For all your blessing, Jesus, we praise you,
gracious in mercy, strong to console.
You to our need bring comfort and healing,
love and forgiveness, making us whole.
2. Daily around us, pain and confusion
crumble our feeble faith into dust.
Yet still we find your love in the darkness,
changing our anxious thoughts into trust.
3. We carry with us into your presence
prisoners of sickness, sadness, and fear;
grant them to know your peace in their suffering
and new life flowing for you are near.
4. Grant us, your servants, grace to work with you,
that in your loving task we may share
mind's understanding, hands skilled for healing,
hearts of compassion joined in love's care.

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.**

Prayer Intentions for the Week of July 18th 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for l'Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda, and 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 Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we pray for the Reverend Prema Samuel, Assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Huron/Perth Deanery, and especially this week for Trinity St. James Church, Bayfield; St. George's Church, Goderich; and Christ Church, Port Albert.

PRAY also for our companion Diocese of Amazonia, for Bishop Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassoto, Bishop, and for our common mission and ministry.

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

The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Alice Lake and Alvin Emmanuel, a gift of Naomi Sargeant.

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

WE PRAY this week for Dawn and Peter Carr, Andrew Clubine, Matt and Tamsin Cobb, Arleen and Murray Dunnette, and their families.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

Victoria, Jim, Tianna, Syliva, Bill, Kerrie, Brian, For Peter's Family, especially Judith, Grace, Franco, Pat, Margaret and George Strack, Hazel, Jeannie, Percival and Janet, Alexander, Margaux, Viv, Ida, Wayne, Ron and Anne, Marlin, Tracy

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

PRAY for Preston, our Rector, that he may find rest and refreshment in his holiday time. 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 Mike and Claire as they prepare for marriage.

Parish Announcements and Events

We welcome the **Rev'd James Brown** as our Officiant and Preacher this morning. James has been active in our parish since September 2020. After ordination in the ELCIC in 1991, he served parishes in Stratford and Waterloo, retiring in 2015. In 2019 and 2020 he was Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Columba, Waterloo. James and his wife, Paula, live in Baden.

COVID re-opening update Until COVID rates in the region change, we will continue to broadcast services of Morning Prayer on YouTube.

FUNDSCRIP We still have a few shopping cards left over from last year which we would like to sell. Anyone who feels they can help please contact Nik at 519-501-0456.

Tim Hortons cards:	4 cards at \$15.00
	5 cards at \$25.00
Canadian Tire	2 cards at \$100.00
Indigo	3 cards at \$25.00

Apartment or Room Wanted Parishioner Viv Snead is looking for an unfurnished, pet-friendly room to rent for September 1st with utilities and WiFi included. \$650-\$700. If you have any leads, please call her at 416-261-2807.

Vaccine Assistance If you or someone you know are struggling to find and book a first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, Rebecca McKay has offered to help! She has found many resources online that have found many people appointments! Contact her at the office 519-743-0228 or by email church@stjohn316.com

FROM THE WARDENS

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL INCOME: (Jan-May)	BUDGETED AMOUNT (Jan-May)
\$99,871.00	\$125,417.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: (Jan-May)	BUDGETED AMOUNT (Jan-May)
\$120,000	\$129,098.75

Office Hours for Summer It's that time of year again, the offices will be on modified summer hours. The office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am-noon. The office will be closed the last week of July and the first week of August.

Rector's Vacation Preston is away on vacation from July 12-August 10. The Rev'd James Brown will be on call for pastoral emergencies from July 12 to August 10. He can be reached at (519) 748-8750 or at pasjas@golden.net. For July, the Ven. Ken Cardwell will also be available for pastoral conversation by phone. He can be reached at (519) 893-6910 or at ken.cardwell@gmail.com.

Confirmation Classes and Dates We have another confirmation date in the calendar. Cross your fingers, this one should work! It will take place September 26th at 4pm at the parking lot at St. George's Forest Hill.

We are also providing preparation classes, here are the dates:

Saturday September 11th, 10-11:30am

Saturday September 18th, 10-11:30am

Saturday September 25th, 10-11:30am (with a special visit from the Primate)

If you are interested in participating in the confirmation classes, please contact Preston (rector@stjohn316.com)

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 Rev'd James Brown from July 12 to August 10 at (519) 748-8750. For July, the Ven. Ken Cardwell will also be available for pastoral conversation by phone at (519) 893-6910.

Rector

The Reverend Dr Preston Parsons

Assistant Clergy

The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

The Reverend James Brown

Rector's Warden Marianne Mellinger

People's Warden Debbie Sheach

Deputy Warden Dave Sapelak, Eleanor Brown

Interim Music Director Sarah Cardwell

Parish Administrator Rebecca McKay

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