

ORDER OF SERVICE
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 25 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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Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

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.

O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Readings

Reader A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.
(2 Samuel 11:1-15)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the

morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 14

John Feguson



O, that sal - va - tion would come from Zi-on!

Fools say in their heart,
"There is no God."

Their deeds are corrupt and vile;
Not one of them does any good.

God looks down from heaven
To see if there are any who are wise,
Or if any are seeking after God.
But all have fallen away. *Refrain*

All are unfaithful;
All alike are depraved;
Not one of them does what is right,
Not a single one.

Don't these evildoers understand?
They devour the people of God
As if they were eating bread;
they never pray to God. *Refrain*

They will be struck with fear and terror,
for God is on the side of the faithful.
You may deride the hope of the poor,
but God is their shelter.

O that salvation for Israel would come from Zion!
When God restores the fortunes of the people,

then Jacob will rejoice,
then Israel will be glad! *Refrain*

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church in
Ephesus. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to John.
(John 6:1-21)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place;

so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev'd Paul Kett

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

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighbouring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage all who minister to global neighbours. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. We pray for Todd, our Bishop, and for Preston, our Rector. Encourage us as we seek ways to work faithfully with others in response 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.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat and the danger of wildfires. Nurture wheat and barley

crops grown for the nourishment of your people, and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption, and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those who lack adequate health care. Console all who grieve, and hear the cries of all who call to you for healing, including those we name aloud, or remember in silence. (A time for reflection and personal prayer).

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our parish. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Sustain all who are involved in selecting a new music director.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with the apostle James, and all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

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

I Will Always Give Thanks

Charles King

I will always give thanks unto the Lord.
His praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Hallelujah.

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 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
tune: Nettleton

1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,

calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.
3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

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 Concerto in A Minor, 1st movement. J.S.Bach

Prayer Intentions for the Week of July 25th 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Scottish Episcopal Church, 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 Bishop Jane Alexander, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area 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 Holy Trinity Church, Lucan; St. Paul's Church, Palmerston; and Trinity Church, Blyth.

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 Kent and Cheryl Ewald, Kim and Stuart Green, Nancy Hainsworth, Paul and Barbara Haslam, 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

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

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.

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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