

ORDER OF SERVICE
St Mary the Virgin
August 15 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
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Prelude	Claire de Lune - Claude Debussy
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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 269

Heavenly Message
tune: Pied-De-Port

1. Heavenly message, brought by an angel,
coming to lift the hopes of the earth;
bringing to Mary humble and lowly,
God's invitation to give the Christ birth.

Refrain

Mary we hail you, full of God's favour,
blessed are you, and blessed your son;

he will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.

2. Mary replied to Gabriel's message,
"I am the servant, maid of the Lord.
Let it be done just as you have spoken.
My soul rejoices in God's saving word."
Refrain

3. In the beginning, when God had spoken,
through God's own Word all things came to be;
now by that Word, embodied through Mary,
God's glory blazes, that our eyes may see.
Refrain

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

O God,
you have taken to yourself
the blessed Virgin Mary,
mother of your incarnate Son.
May we who have been redeemed
by his blood,
share with her the glory
of your eternal kingdom;
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 Isaiah.
(Isaiah 7:10-15)

*Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord
your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But*

Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

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

Psalm

Psalm 132:6-10, 13, 14

"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

For the Lord has chosen Zion, *
he has desired her for his habitation:

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church in
 Galatia. (Galatians 4:4-7)

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So

you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.
(Luke 1:46-55)

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant Let us confess the faith, as we say,

All **All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: The response to each of the petitions is, "hear our prayer."

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

A brief silence

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. 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 God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and seas and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological crisis we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes, tropical storms, and wildfires, especially those in Western Canada and Northern Ontario.

Reader God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation.

Reader God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer in any way, including those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (A time for reflection and silent prayer).

Reader God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven our worship and our church building. Bless the creative work of poets, hymn-writers, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. Continue to support those who are participating in the search process for a music director for our parish.

Reader God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we may abide in your love, and, on the last day, raise us with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all the saints, to eternal life.

Reader God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

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

View me, Lord

Richard Lloyd

View me, Lord, a work of thine
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears;
But the cov'nents thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days, nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Text Thomas Campion

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 362

Tell Out, My Soul
tune: Woodlands

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds
his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the mighty one.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;

Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 15th 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, the Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop and Metropolitan, 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 Geoff Woodcroft and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the dean, council, and congregations of the West Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

Together, we pray for the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering (CLAY).

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Huron/Perth Deanery, and especially this week for the Parish of the Holy Spirit, Seaforth; St. James Church, Stratford; St. Paul's Church, Stratford; and St. Stephen's Church, Stratford.

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

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

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Janet Lawrence and Harold Lawrence and Winnifred Lawrence, Ruby and Carl Uttley and Kevin Uttley- a gift of the Uttley Family.

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

WE PRAY this week for Kristine Prytula, Cheryl Rielly, Gord and Diane Roberts, Tina Rose, and their families.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

Victoria, Jim, Tianna, Sylvia, 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, and all who share leadership in our parish. 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. Pray that world health authorities continue to work to find ways to make vaccines available to all people throughout the world. 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.

PRAY for Mike and Claire as they prepare for marriage.

Parish Announcements and Events

COVID re-opening update With the Rector back from holiday, planning for in-person worship is happening in earnest. Watch this space for more information as it becomes available.

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.

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 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

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The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

The Reverend James Brown

Rector's Warden Marianne Mellinger

People's Warden Debbie Sheach

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Parish Administrator Rebecca McKay

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