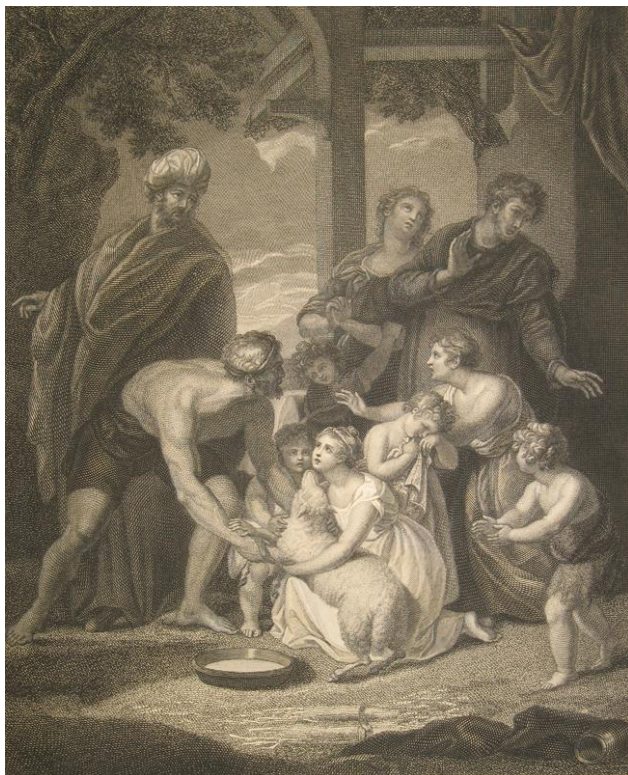


ORDER OF SERVICE
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 1 2021 10am



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 James Brown
Reader	Marianne Mellinger
Tech Support	Mohan Thomas
Organist	Corinne Dutton

Prelude

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 555

O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand
tune: Salzburg

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this earthly pilgrimage
thy multitudes hast led:
2. our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace.

God of our forebears, be the God
of their succeeding race.

3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread
and raiment fit provide.
4. O spread thy covering wings around
till all our wanderings cease
and in the city of our God
our souls arrive in peace.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
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 11:26-12:13a)

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There

were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

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

Psalm

Psalm 51



Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin. *Refrain*

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight. *Refrain*

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb. *Refrain*

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. *Refrain*

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities. *Refrain*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. *Refrain*

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church in Ephesus. (Ephesians 4:1-16)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to John.
(John 6:24-35)

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you

come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the works of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. 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.**

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations, especially our Grand River Conservation Authority.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

You summons leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances, and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. We include all who have asked for our prayers, naming them aloud, or remembering them silently. (A time for reflection and personal prayer). Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ.

Reader Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet.

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

Day By Day

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.

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 388

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

tune: Austria

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken
Zion, city of our god;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2. See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age?
3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering-
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

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 August 1st 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, 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 Bishops Lydia Mamakwa, Larry Beardy, and Morris Fidler, and the clergy and people of the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern 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 St. John's Church, Brussels; St. Paul's-Trinity Church, Wingham; and Trivitt Memorial, Exeter.

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 Mildred Robertson, Jack Robertson, Jack Robertson Jr. Lou Picard, Donna Robertson, Jean Biancucci, Claude Biancucci, Carla

Blake and Gary Strickler. A gift of Wendy Strickler and family.

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

WE PRAY this week for Jane and Dave Kains, Lynne and Doug Kirton, Musa Koko, Jim and Heather Lackner, 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. 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

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.

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

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

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