

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 22 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	Dave Sapelak
Tech Support	Mohan Thomas
Organist	Bill Hutton
Singers	Jonathan, Mary, Rebecca Sue, Dave, Angus

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Prelude	Légende - Alexandre Guilmant
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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 354** **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
tune: Nettleton

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,

sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my God's unchanging love.

2. Here I make faith's affirmation:  
thus far by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy compassion,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

Almighty God,  
we are taught by your word  
that all our doings without love  
are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;  
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 First Book of Kings.  
(1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43)

*Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know*

*that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm**

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than  
a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church in  
Ephesus. (Ephesians 6:10-20)

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel According to John.  
(John 6:56-69)

*Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they*

died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

*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 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, "hear our prayer."*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Equip them to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. We pray for Todd, our Bishop, and for Preston, our Rector. Encourage us to look beyond the doors of our church in order to address the many needs of our community.

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

God of creation, bless fields and orchards, farms and market gardens. Protect the land from drought, and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures.

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



God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war.

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

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Stand with all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to respond to their cries. Be with all who have asked us to pray for them, naming them aloud, or remembering them silently. (A time for reflection and personal prayer).

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

God of mercy, be with those in our country and in our world who suffer from natural disasters, especially the people of Haiti, in the aftermath of earthquake, the people who have lost homes through wildfires. We pray also for the people of Afghanistan, and especially women and children, who fear loss of stability and life.

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

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life – new jobs, new schools, or moving to new communities. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests.

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

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their loved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come.

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

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts know only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## **Anthem**

Now We Remain

D. Haas

## **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 300**

**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**  
tune: Westminster Abbey

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,

God the One-in-Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory,  
evermore with thee to reign.
5. Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever three, and ever one,  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

## 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

Now Thank We All Our God  
Anton Wilhelm Leopold

## **Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 22nd 2021**

### **IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

PRAY for the Church of the Province of South America, 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 Michael Hawkins, Suffragan Bishop Adam Halkett, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan

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

### **IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

PRAY for parishes, people, and clergy in Kent Deanery, and especially this week for Trinity Church, Blenheim; St. Paul's Church, Erieau; Grace Church, Rondeau Park; and Christ Church, Chatham

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 Harry and Terry Morris, a gift of the Doric Family.

## **FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

WE PRAY this week for Reg and Sylvia Simpson, Robert Somerville and Virginia Marshall, Ken and Jill Thomas, Edward and Joyce Thompson, and their families.

## **FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL**

Elise, Victoria, Jim, 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.

**Baptisms and Baptismal Preparation** If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, contact the rector. We are tentatively planning for baptisms on All Saints Sunday, November 7th, 2021, with baptismal preparation for parents and candidates beginning in the fall.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**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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