

ORDER OF SERVICE
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 8 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 Paul Kett
Reader	Kathleen Kett
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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 84 **Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour**
tune: St. Osmund

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.

2. Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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 18:5-9, 15, 31-33)

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out

into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

Psalm

Psalm 130

Tone IV.6

Out of the deep I have called unto thee, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well
the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who may abide it?

But there is forgiveness with thee;
therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him;
in his word is my trust.

My soul looketh for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning;
yea, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel
from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the church in
Ephesus. (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel According to John.
(John 6:35, 41-51)

Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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, "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

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, church planters, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. 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.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water, especially many of our own First Nations people.

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

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system. For magistrates and judges, lawyers and court employees, and all who ensure fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated.

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

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, and uncertainty about the future. For all who mourn. For all who are sick, including those we name aloud, or remember silently. (A time for reflection and personal prayer).

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

For our parish as we gather in different ways for worship. For those who provide liturgical leadership and those who provide music. For those who care for our church building. For those who provide a caring ministry of visiting, phone-calls, and prayer.

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

For those who have been raised to eternal life. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever.

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

Peace Between Nations

C. Wiggins

Peace between nations, peace between races.
Peace between neighbours in love of the king of life.
Peace between sister and brother,
Peace between wife and husband.
Peace between parents and children,
The peace of Christ above all peace.
Peace between brothers,
Peace between sisters,
Peace between lovers in love of the king of life,
In love of the king of life.

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 374

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

tune: Hyfrydol

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinner,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

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 8th 2021

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church of the Province of South India (United), 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 Robert Hardwick, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the dean, council, and congregations of the Northern 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-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend; St. Anne's Mission, Port Franks; and St. James Church, St. Marys.

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 in loving memory of Nancy Ann Rose and Timothy Michael Rose, a gift from Larry, Matthew, Sophie and Benjamin Rose.

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

WE PRAY this week for Heather and Ryan Lackner, Peter and Sue Mansell, Emily McLean, Jennifer Pfister, 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

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

Parish Administrator Rebecca McKay

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