

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29 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	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Bill Hutton
Singers	Laura, Andrea, Dave Rebecca, Sue, Angus

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Prelude	Cantilena - Josef Rheinberger
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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 439**

**Blest Are the Pure in Heart**  
tune: Franconia

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is there,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King.
3. Still to the lowly soul  
his presence doth impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for thee.

## Collect of the Day

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 Song of Solomon.  
(Song of Solomon 2:8-13)

*The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair*

*one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."*

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and  
cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

*Reader*    A reading from the Letter of James.  
              (James 1:17-27)

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.*

*You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

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

*Reader*    A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.  
                  (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

*Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he*

*called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."*

*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*

We pray for the church, that it may be a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. 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.**

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals may have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

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

We pray for all in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, provincial, territorial, and local governments, and guide them to seek what is fair and just for every person. We pray for our country as we prepare for an election. Raise up candidates who will represent the needs of Canada and all of its citizens at this time.

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

We pray for all who are in any need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothing, and stability for daily life. Hear the prayers of all who call out to you, including

those we now name aloud, or remember in silence. (A time for reflection and personal prayer).

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

We pray for this congregation, and especially those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents and caregivers who provide encouragement and love.

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

We pray for those in our country and in our world who suffer from natural disasters, especially the people of Haiti, in the aftermath of earthquake, and 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.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honour God with our heart, and in our actions. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory.

*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**

For Where Love is

D. Wagner



# 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 508

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

tune: Kingsfold

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk  
till travelling days are done.

## **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

Postlude - Théodore Dubois



# **Parish Announcements and Events**

## **Memorial Flowers**

The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Irma Jauch, a gift of Inga and Andrew Beamish.

**COVID re-opening update** Dear friends, I'm glad to announce that we have a reopening plan in place. It is, however, a flexible plan. If there's one thing we've learned, it's that COVID has a habit of changing our plans. But it is a plan.

The Plan The first thing we will do is open for in-person worship today. This is what you might call a 'soft open.' It will be Morning Prayer without live music.

In early September, we will add live music to in-person worship. Around the same time we will begin to celebrate the Eucharist. In September we will also add the 8am Sunday morning service, as well as the 7:30am Wednesday services sometime after that.

Services will continue to be streamed on YouTube.

**Youngish Adults Meeting with The Bishop: Residential Schools and Reconciliation** If you're a Young(ish) Adult and you've missed our mailings, we wanted you to know that we are having a special event. We are meeting with Bishop Todd and Archdeacon Rosalyn Elm on Tuesday, September 7th at 7pm. We've requested this meeting with the Bishop and with the Archdeacon for Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry to further understand the role that the Anglican Church of Canada and, more specifically, the Diocese of Huron has had in the Residential School system. We, as young adults, want to enter into the already existing dialogue, and also ask them how we can contribute to the church's reconciliation efforts. We will be meeting virtually

through Google Meet. If you identify as a Young-ish adult, and want to be added to the mailing list for this event, please send the office an email at [church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com).

This is meant to be a space where voices that aren't often heard are, and we ask for your prayers and blessings as we enter into this dialogue.

**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** Starting August 30, office hours will return to Monday-Friday, 9am to 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***

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The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

The Reverend James Brown

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