

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 5 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	Marianne Mellinger
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	Sarah Cardwell
Singers	Jocelyn Truscott, Rebecca McKay

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

### The Procession and Greeting

*Presider*     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.**

*Presider*     Almighty God,

*All*            **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn 391**

**Sing Ye Praises to the Father**

Tune: Arfon Major

*If you are attending in-person, please refrain from singing  
our hymns--though we do welcome you to read and inwardly  
digest the hymn text.*

1. Sing ye praises to the Father,  
sing ye praises to the Son,  
sing ye praises to the Spirit,  
living and eternal One.

God has made us, and has blessed us,  
and has called us to be true;  
God is Lord of all creation,  
daily making all things new.

2. Join the praise of every creature,  
sing with singing birds at dawn;  
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,  
hear their heavenly antiphon.  
Praise our God for light of summer,  
autumn glories, winter snows,  
for the coming of the springtime  
and the life of all that grows,
3. praising on our days of gladness  
for the summons to rejoice,  
praising in our times of sadness  
for the comfort of God's voice.  
Hail, Creator, strong and loving,  
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
living God, sustaining Spirit -  
be thy holy name adored!

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently. The presider then says the collect. The people respond,*

*People*            **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **The Readings**

*Reader*            A reading from Proverbs 1:20-33

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

# The Psalm

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanses me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark. (Mark 8:27-38)

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Gospel is read.*

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Rev'd Dr. Preston Parsons

*A silence for reflection follows.*

## **The Apostle's Creed**

*Presider* 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**

*The Intercessor will bid the prayers. The congregation responds.*

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

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The presider bids the confession.*

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider*        Most merciful God,  
*All*                **we confess that we have  
sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our  
neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The presider gives absolution.*

## **Offertory**

God Be In My Head

Jeff Enns

*If you would like to make your offering at this time, please step forward and place it on the plate before the altar. If you would rather make your offering more discreetly, you can still use the plate near the door to the nave.*

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*The presider says a prayer over the offerings.*

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*        **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*      We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son ...

... Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 689

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Presider* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise ...  
... All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*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 for ever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God

## Hymn 690

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

## Communion

*Please line up for communion, at a safe distance, in the centre aisle. After approaching the administrant, hold out your hands, being careful not to touch hands. The administrant will drop the bread in your hand. Once you've received the bread in your hand: step aside, remove your mask, eat the bread, replace your mask, and make your way back to your seat by the side aisle.*

## Hymn 431

## Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Tune: Breslau

1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
your Lord for you endured to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:

'twill guide you to a better home  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently. The presider then says the prayer after communion. The people respond,*

*People*      **Amen.**

*Presider*      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.**

## **The Blessing**

*The presider blesses the people.*

## **Parish Notices**

### **Dismissal**

*The presider dismisses the people. The people respond, saying,*

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

## **Parish Announcements and Events**

**Stewardship Working Group** Over the summer, our Stewardship Working Group has been preparing a financial stewardship program for our parish. Entitled Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening the Community of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener, it will focus on our love for our parish and the significance to us and others of our congregation's mission and ministry. On three Sundays, October 3, 10, and 17, we shall reflect on the work of the Church and consider our financial commitment to St. John's for the year 2022.

**Come to the Table** We will be resuming our in-person family focused service Saturday, September 18 at 4:00pm in the sanctuary! For more information you can contact Preston at [rector@stjohn316.com](mailto:rector@stjohn316.com)

### **Climate Crisis—"What can I do?"**

Soon you will be able to see a banner for Faith Climate Justice placed on the Duke Street Side of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. This summer it doesn't take much to see the results of the climate crisis that is in our midst. Many of us want to know what WE can do to address this critical issue.

Kathleen Kett invites you to consider being a part of this information events.

An online course presented by Montreal Diocesan College: Reading the Bible in the Season of Creation: Christian Discipleship in a time of Climate Crisis. This course is 4 x 1 1/2 hr segments presented live Tuesday evenings Sept 21-Oct 21 starting at 7PM and is being sponsored so that anyone can join the group and become informed. If the live webcasts are not at a convenient time for you, they will be available to watch at your convenience for a limited time.

Information about to register and view this series will follow shortly.

**Office Hours** Starting August 30, office hours will return to Monday-Friday, 9am to noon. We are both from the office as well as from home. Please contact the office ahead of time if you need to visit.

**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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