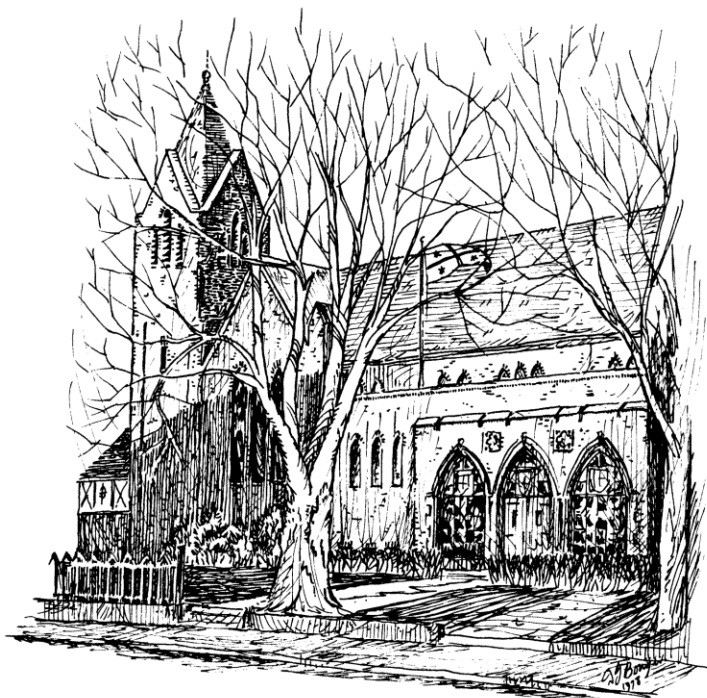


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 10 2021**



**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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## HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

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Psalm 22

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Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons

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## EUCCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons

Reader

Dave Sapelak

Tech Support

Jonathan Malton

Organist

Corinne Dutton

Singers

Jocelyn Truscott, Deb Sheach  
Andrea Balfour, Angus Sheach

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Prelude In G Major, BWV 531- J.S.Bach

### 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 399

## Now Thank We All Our God

Tune: Nun Danket

*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. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word,  
who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## 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

*Reader*        A reading from Job. (23:1-9, 16-17)

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

Psalm 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

## **The Gospel**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark. (10:17-31)

*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 Apostles' 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:*

<i>Reader</i>	Lord, in your mercy.
<i>People</i>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The presider bids the confession.*

*Silence is kept.*

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

**that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The presider gives absolution.*

## **Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening**

Margaret and Andrew Brockett

### **Offertory**

Thou Visitest the Earth

Maurice Greene

*Please use the plate near the entrance for your offering now,  
or at the end of the service.*

### **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.**

## The Fraction

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

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



## 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 ministrant, hold out your hands, being careful not to touch hands. The ministrant 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 54

## Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Tune: Rendez a Dieu

*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.*

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
by whom the words of life were spoken  
and in whose death our sins are dead:  
look on the heart by sorrow broken;  
look on the tears by sinners shed,  
and be thy feast to us the token  
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

## 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.**

## Parish Notices

### The Blessing

*The presider blesses the people.*

### Dismissal

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

*All*              **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Carillon - Louis Vierne

## **Parish Announcements and Events**

**Memorial Flowers** The flowers on the Altar are given in memory of our loved ones, from Jeannie, William, Dawn and Kai MacLean

**A Message from David Harrison** Thank you so much for your warm welcome to St John's. I am very honoured to have been invited to take on the role of leading our musical life. I'm very grateful to Corinne Dutton for playing the services this Sunday and next while I fulfil some previously scheduled obligations. As we continue to make music together I welcome the contribution of the many and varied musical gifts of others in the parish. Please don't hesitate to be in touch. [music@stjohn316.com](mailto:music@stjohn316.com)

**Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening our Church Community** The insert in this morning's worship bulletin is a confidential pledge form, the final document in our Building, Celebrating, Strengthening stewardship program. It is presented this morning to help with your prayerful reflection on making a financial commitment to St. John's for the year ahead. It will also be included in next Sunday's bulletin. This form can be completed at any time before October 24. To keep your commitment confidential, please fold the completed form and deposit it in the Building, Celebrating, Strengthening boxes at either the Water Street or Duke Street entrances. You can also complete the form online using the secure Pledge Form button on our Saturday and Wednesday emails.

**Pudding Factory Update and Call for Volunteers** The ACW has decided to resume St. John's over 70 year tradition of making and selling Christmas Pudding, albeit due to Covid on a much reduced scale. (In 2019 we made over 2,000 lbs, we are planning on 500 lbs this year). Masks will be required and physical distancing will be organized. Production will begin on November 8th with outside pick up on the 13th. In order to make this a success WE NEED

YOUR HELP. Please contact Judy Shantz at 519-569-9877 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

**ACW Calendars** The ACW are once again offering Church Calendars for sale. If you are planning on buying one could you please let me know as soon as possible how many you would like? I will need to place our order within the next couple of weeks. Thank You. Enid Emery--contact: 519-896-0637 or e-mail [davidemery@rogers.com](mailto:davidemery@rogers.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.

**FORMATION & EDUCATION FALL SERIES** As the effects of the climate crisis are increasingly felt around the world, many of us are asking ourselves, "What can I do?". Our first parish-wide educational event after the quiet summer season is a four-week series presented by the Diocese of Montreal, "Reading the Bible in the Season of Creation: Christian Discipleship in a Time of Climate Crisis." The sessions are each 1½ hours long on Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m., and running from Tuesday, September 21 to Tuesday, October 12. Through the generosity of two of our fellow parishioners, the series is free to any member of St John's who wants to attend. We are hoping that there will be a strong parish turnout. If there is enough interest, we will meet the week after the series ends, on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m., to explore what initiatives we might wish to take as a parish.

To register for the series, please email Rebecca at the church office: [church@stjohn316.com](mailto:church@stjohn316.com). She will send you the

Zoom link when it becomes available. If you are interested but cannot attend on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., register anyway. You can view the webcasts at your convenience for a limited time.

Ken Hull, for the Formation & Education Committee

**Disrupted Parking on Water Street** Water Street North (and South) will be closed as of Tuesday 12 October for the reconstruction of the street and gas service. This work will continue until late November, weather permitting.

This means that parking on Water Street will be disrupted.

As a reminder, parking is still available behind St. Jerome's, as well as in the City parking lot at Duke and Ontario, where parking is free on Sundays.

**GOT SOME LEFTOVER BALLS OF YARN?** Wondering what to do with those balls of yarn hanging around from a completed project two years ago? Look no further! While the Anglican ministry at the Grand Valley Institute for Women has seen significant restrictions since lockdown in March 2020, we are doing our best to support the ladies at GVI. The women have requested yarn to create knitted items which will be donated back to the community. Kindly contact Mary Neil by email [marytneil@gmail.com](mailto:marytneil@gmail.com) or phone 519-500-7394 to donate.

**Office Hours** Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9am to noon. We are working 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.

**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! <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48510>

***If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact The Rector, Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons [rector@stjohn316.com](mailto: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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