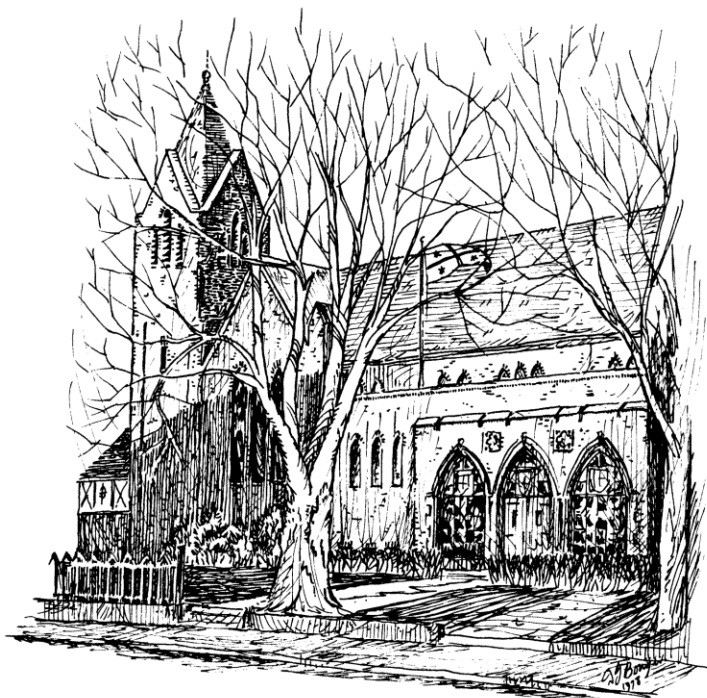


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 17 2021**



**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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Celebrant & Preacher

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## EUCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons

Reader

Deb Sheach

Tech Support

Mohan Thomas

Organist

Corinne Dutton

Singers

Laura Doric, Nathalie Nasr,  
Ken Hull, Angus Sheach

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Variations on Laudate Dominum  
C.H. Parry, setting by Lowenbrow

## 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 500

## Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Tune: Servant Song

*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. Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

## 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. (38:1-7)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35

Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
you are clothed with majesty and splendour.

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.

You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.

You covered it with the deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

They went up into the hills  
and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.

You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.

Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labour until the evening. Hallelujah.

## 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. (10:35-45)

*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:*

*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.*

# Building, Celebrating, and Strengthening

Simon Guthrie

## Offertory

Day by Day

Martin How

*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**

## **The Invitation**

*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 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 49

## Draw Near and Take

Tune: Song 46

*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. Draw near and take  
the body of your Lord,  
and drink with faith  
the blood for you outpoured.
2. Saved by his body,  
hallowed by his blood,  
with souls refreshed  
we give our thanks to God.
3. Salvation's giver,  
Christ, the only Son,  
by his dear cross  
and blood the victory won.
4. Let us approach  
with faithful hearts sincere,

and take the pledges  
of salvation here.

5. The Lord in this world  
rules his saints, and shields;  
to all believers  
life eternal yields;
6. with heavenly bread  
makes those who hunger whole;  
gives living waters  
to the thirsting soul.
7. Before your presence,  
Lord, all people bow.  
In this your feast  
of love be with us now.

## 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

Toccata in B Minor - Eugene Gigout

## **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

**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.

**Jean's Baking Short Bread Again** If shortbreads are ordered before puddings are available for pickup, they can be picked up together (November 13th). Also, Jean will be baking shortbread right up until the week of Christmas. They are offering delivery. The price is \$5 a dozen. Orders can be placed with Jean at 519-390-0213

**ACW Calendars** If you have not already ordered your 2022 Church calendar and would like to have one, the DEADLINE for placing your order will be Thursday 21st of October. The cost of the calendars will be \$5.00.

Please telephone or email me at 519-896-0637 or at davidemery@rogers.com -- Enid Emery

**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 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.

**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 at [giving@stjohn316.com](mailto:giving@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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