

# St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday November 8th, 2020  
Remembrance Sunday  
Service of the Word

We gather on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation

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*Take a deep breath.  
And again.*

### ***The Gathering of the Community***

Leader        The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                  and the love of God,  
                  and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
                  be with you all

**All:            And also with you.**

Leader        Let us pray.

**All            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. Amen**

Leader        Dear friends in Christ,  
                  as we turn our hearts and minds  
                  to worship almighty God,  
                  let us confess our sins.

**All            Most merciful God,  
                  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.**

Leader        Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
                  that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
                  through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you  
                  and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Leader        May the Peace of God be with you.

**All            And also with you.**

### Come Now, O Prince of Peace



1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,  
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,  
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,  
4. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,  
*Korean: O - so - so o - so - so, pyong-hwa eui im - gum*



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile all na - tions.  
*U - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - so.*

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## The Collect of the Day

Father of all,  
we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer.  
Grant them your peace,  
let light perpetual shine upon them,  
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power,  
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading: Wisdom 3: 1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

### Psalm 116:1-8

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
**Because he has inclined his ear to me, whenever I called upon him.**  
The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
**"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**  
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
**our God is full of compassion.**  
The LORD watches over the innocent;

**I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,

**for the LORD has treated you well.**

For you have rescued my life from death,

**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Acclamation:** Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

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Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

God, you've been so good to me.

Ev'ry day you're blessing me.

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.

You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.

And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.

I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

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**Gospel:** John 6:37-40

## **Sermon**

## **Tolling Bell Prayer**

## **The Apostle's Creed**

Leader            Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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**

**Offertory Hymn: O Day of Peace**

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## O Day of Peace

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*Unison*



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's  
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of

grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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Leader                    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**

Leader                    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, forever and ever. Amen**

Leader                    May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power  
All                            of the Holy Spirit.  
                                  **Amen.**

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**St. John the Divine Prayers for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**The Church**

- St. Martin, North Vancouver – The Venerable Stephanie Shepard
- St. Margaret, Cedar Cottage, Vancouver - The Reverend Heidi Brear
- St. John the Divine Squamish – The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

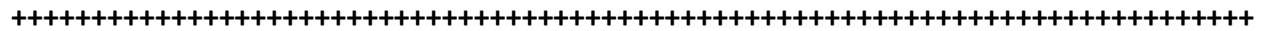


**Immediate Prayer Requests**

Jessica, Muriel, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, The Howe Sound Women’s Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the patients of Squamish General Hospital.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Anne Hildreth.  
We pray for the repose of the soul of Miriam MacDonald.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all who are grieving, for health care professionals, researchers and emergency personnel.



**Rector’s Reflection**

I wanted to wait until the start of our stewardship month before talking about St. John’s fourth goal for this year – sustainability. This goal is part of a story that has been going on for a while here.

St. John’s has over a hundred years of Christian witness in Squamish, but has been served by part-time clergy for the past ten years. Then, two years ago, the parish council decided to take a risk, to do something different. They saw the potential for what God might be up to through St. John’s in the Sea to Sky corridor. Therefore, they approached Archbishop Melissa and asked for help achieving this dream, requesting a full-time, direct appointment.

I am amazed and inspired by the courage, trust and vision that it took to come to this decision.

At the time, I was just finishing up seminary, and seeing a potentially good fit, the Archbishop sent me. I have been honoured and humbled by that decision and overjoyed to have spent the past year and a half with you.

Usually new priests are sent to do a “curacy” – an apprenticeship in a bigger church. To support this, the diocese gives a grant to these churches, to offset their taking-on of these temporary staff positions.

In our case, we received two years of a curacy grant to support full-time ministry here, to help the transition from part-time to full-time.

So, here we are in the story, with this goal of sustaining full-time ministry as this \$40K/year grant comes to an end part-way through 2021.

That might seem overwhelming, but I believe, with God’s help, we can do it. In 2019 we received \$20K of the grant and ended the year with a \$18K surplus. We almost didn’t need it. That is amazing!!! It is a sign, I believe, of God’s surprising abundance.

There have been some amazing things happening in the past year, certainly enough work for full-time ministry, let me tell you! I am excited; I am hopeful, because I have caught your vision of a community of faith supported by full-time ordained ministry. As we continue through our stewardship month and beyond, please consider this vision, this goal, as you make your pledges. Please pray for sustainability for the ministry of St. John the Divine.

Thanks be to God!

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