

# St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday August 2nd, 2020  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Service of the Word

We gather on the unceded territory of 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.**

**Act of Praise:**

Lord, Whose Love is Humble Service

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Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Every gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By Your Spirit send Your power  
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.

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**The Collect of the Day**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

God of compassion: your heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; you take what we have and transform it into much; give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, so that our lives may show forth your

overflowing love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 17:1-7,16

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Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
**listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**

Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Weigh my heart, summon me by night,  
**melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**

I give no offence with my mouth as others do;  
**I have heeded the words of your lips.**

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;  
**in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,  
**O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from  
those who rise up against them.**

But at my vindication I shall see your face;  
**when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia

*sung through 4 times*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The musical notation consists of two staves. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: quarter note D4, quarter note E4, quarter note F#4, quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter note F#4, quarter note E4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: quarter note D4, quarter note E4, quarter note F#4, quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter note F#4, quarter note E4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion

for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **Sermon**

### **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

Let us pray to Almighty God saying, *God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

Amazing God, we thank you for the beauty of summer. Help us to enjoy the long days and the warmth, even though many of us are missing interaction with others. Help us to focus on you, to hear your word, to find our refuge in you.

*God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly God, we pray for churches everywhere, as together we learn to worship in new and different ways. This week in our Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Oswald, Port Kells, the Reverend Gordon Shields, St. Laurence, Coquitlam, the Reverend Eric Mason, and here in Squamish, for St. John the Divine, the Reverend Cameron Gutjahr.

*God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

Loving God, we pray for people everywhere, for our families, friends and neighbours, that we may spread your love to those we know and to those who are different from us and may make us feel uncomfortable. We pray for an increase in tolerance and understanding between people and an end to prejudice...

*God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

God of Peace, we pray for the world; for people in authority in all nations, that they may lead with justice and integrity, and work together with other nations in the spirit of unity and sharing especially during this health crisis, for the good of all.

*God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

Generous God, we pray for this fragile planet that you have entrusted to us, that we may protect and preserve it. We pray that we can all share in the Earth's resources; that people everywhere have access to clean water and shelter and enough food to eat. We give thanks for the farmers who work to supply the Earth's abundance to us.

*God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

Healing God. we pray all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. We pray for those who have requested our prayers: - for Mike and Jeannette Schwarz, Debbie Fryers, Muriel, Elizabeth, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, Tyler, The Howe Sound Women's Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls Retirement Home and the patients of Squamish General Hospital, and anyone else needing our prayers.....

For those who are anxious about getting sick, for those who are undergoing treatments, and those who are waiting for treatment. We pray for all who work in health care - for scientists, doctors, nurses, caregivers, caterers and cleaning staff.

*God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying and comfort to those who mourn.....

*God of Grace.....Hear our prayer.*

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Offertory Hymn:** Bring Many Names

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Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:  
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!



Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and hosanna, old aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

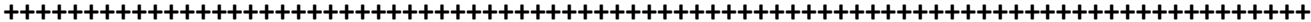
Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

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Leader  
**All** Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
**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  
**All** Glory to God  
**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  
**All** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the  
Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



**St. John the Divine Prayers for August 2, 2020**

**The Church**

- St. Oswald, Port Kells – The Reverend Gordon Shields
- St. Laurence, Coquitlam – The Reverend Eric Mason
- St. John the Divine, Squamish- The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

**Immediate Prayer Requests**

Mike and Jeannette Schwarz, Debbie Fryers, Muriel, Elizabeth, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, Tyler, The Howe Sound Women’s Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the patients of Squamish General Hospital.

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.

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Summer Reflection by Anna Morgan

Back in March, who would have predicted that we would be living in this time of profound uncertainty?

The disruption to our daily lives and “normal” routines has left many of us an excess amount of time to reflect on our faith and what it brings to our lives. Oh how our priorities have changed!

As outside factors seem to spiral out of our control, perhaps more than any other time in our lives, our faith has been brought to the forefront.

Just a few months ago, who would have imagined that a simple walk in the warm sun shine could bring such gratitude? Who foresaw the ultimate joy of seeing family for the first time in months - or that first blissful hug?

Every day we are relentlessly bombarded by distressing news, images, facts and figures - constantly reminded of our human frailty. We have been isolated from family and friends with the ultimate goal of keeping everyone safe.

These life changing events have only strengthened the love of my church family. I miss the warmth and security and unconditional love I feel when I am surrounded by my church friends. As we long for a sense of normalcy, I realize that we took for granted the chatter over coffee every Sunday. I look forward to the in-person laughter, tears, prayers, and joy, and the thought provoking discussions following sermons.

Cameron and the team at St. John the Divine have adapted and excelled at helping us stay connected in meaningful ways. There are zoom meetings and coffee hours, wonderful virtual services full of beautiful music and insightful prayers.

The reality has set in that our "new normal " might never be the same. I feel lucky that my faith is strong and I believe in the power of prayer.

No one can predict the future, but I know that none of us will ever again take the simple things in life for granted.

Stay safe, stay strong and hopefully we will soon be together again!

Anna Morgan