

# St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday August 16th, 2020

11<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.**

## MIREN QUÉ BUENO

Pablo Sosa

**Estrillo**

¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!

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### The Collect of the Day

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt

Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, you gather in what has been rejected, restoring what is lost and healing what is wounded. Give us faith to speak out boldly, so that the outcast may be welcomed and all may be blessed. Amen.

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to

me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 133

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Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
**when brethren live together in unity!**

It is like fine oil upon the head  
**that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron,  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
**life for evermore.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 11: 1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**Acclamation: Alleluia**

*sung through 4 times*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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**Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28**

[Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that

fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## **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**

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Saviour of the world, be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain, bring hope even in the darkest night, and we think especially of all

who are affected by the explosions in Beirut, all who are involved with the new rules imposed on Hong Kong by China and the many injustices in China. We pray for our own government and for those who are tasked with making difficult decisions, may they be decisions that are true and honourable and respectful of all people. Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord of the Church, empower by your Spirit all Christian people, especially those clergy and lay people working in our northern dioceses, those working on the streets in our cities and towns, those offering hospitality to refugees and all others in our communities. We pray for our bishop, Melissa and for our priest, Cameron. We give thanks for all who make the virtual services possible. We continue to pray for all that is involved in opening up our churches for services, for programs and activities to enable us to continue Christian ministry.

Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed. Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, guide and enable all who lead and serve this community and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place we call home. Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those on our hearts this week and all who suffer with the COVID virus; we pray also for the Howe Sound Women's Shelter, the residents of Hilltop House and Shannon Falls, the elders of Squamish Nation and patients and doctors and nurses at Squamish General Hospital. Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love. Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord, we remember for good those whom we love but see no longer. Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory. Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen**

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be  
 Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be



the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
 the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
 the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
 the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you let my  
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to  
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and  
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 what I mean in you and you in me?  
 touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 live and grow in you and you in me.

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

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### **St. John the Divine Prayers for August 16th, 2020**

#### **The Church**

St. Aidan & St. Bartholomew, Gibsons – The Reverend Brian Heinrich  
The Anglican Church Women, Diocese of New Westminster – Gail Revitt-Chair  
St. John the Divine, Squamish- The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

#### **Immediate Prayer Requests**

Debbie Fryers, Muriel, 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 Edie and David Hildreth

As we reflect on the impact St. John's has on our daily life, it is therapeutic to remember Cameron's words, "Breathe in the love of God and breathe out any fear, anxiety and all things troubling you today."

No question, the current pandemic has interrupted the in-person companionship at the parish, which is one of the strengths of this magnificent church that we love to come home to each Sunday.

However, adjusting to the challenge presented by COVID 19, Reverend Cameron has been a blessing to us all. The on-line services are uplifting and thought provoking, they exude warmth and love. Although not in person, love and hope is felt in our online services. Each of the readers, the musically talented team and Reverend Cameron's well-prepared homily's have us looking forward to Elaine's email saying the Sunday service is now online.

Challenges are sent to make us strong and St. John's has risen to meet and deal with them. The rectory situation, the closing of the church building and many more disappointments have made us respond as a family together.

Those of us involved in the phone tree calling have the opportunity to visit with our list of parishioners, so many laughs and stories result, and this is a great way to stay in touch with one another.

Yes, we are experiencing difficult times at present, however we will with God's help and the loving and caring support of our St. John the Divine's church family, overcome them.  
God Bless all.

Edie and David