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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning.

St John's North Vancouver Parish recognizes we are on the unceded Coast Salish territories within the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

Celebrant & Preacher:	*The Reverend Patrick Blaney*
Musician:	*Galina Martyniouk, piano and organ*
Choir Director:	*Christie Smith*
Intercessor:	*Jill Parsons*
Children's Time:	*Kate Deans*

Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
All **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,**
all desires are 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.

The Collect

Celebrant Risen Christ,
All **for whom no door is locked,**
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
so that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God, the Source of all life. Amen.

Children's Time

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4:32-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

**Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred 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.**

The Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:1-2:2

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The Gospel — Second Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

Clebrant The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Time for Reflection

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Church: Archbishop Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan, Bishop John Stephens, Linda Nicholls our Primate, Mark MacDonald the Indigenous Archbishop of Canada and Patrick our Priest. Bishop Brent Alawas, and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our companion parish, St John the Evangelist Mission and Outstations, Pasnadan The Reverend Tristan Bati-el. The West Point Grey Neighborhood Ministry Mobile Unit - The Reverend Liz Hamel; Salal & Cedar Watershed Discipleship Ministry – The Reverend Laurel Dykstra; The Deanery of Oakridge – The Reverend Marion Wong, Regional Dean.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

The World: *Come to the Easter Party (Excerpt) (Ann Weems)*

Easter Scares us
Because we're the people who can't believe
That God gives us abundant Life;
We think we have to earn it.
In our pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps society
It's hard to remember that God doesn't buy the self-made man.
So we in the church spend our lives showing God
What good people we are,
What achievers we are,
How much we deserve God's love.
We want to pay our own way,
But Easter says it's already been paid!
Easter says, no matter how prodigal,
We can go home again!
So come to the Easter party!
Let's celebrate that amazing grace
That in Christ's resurrection
We are still loved even at our most outrageous.
The Lord has given us the music;
All we need do is dance it!
Come to the Easter party!

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: Berna, Bruce and Ann, Elsie, Kelly, Dorothy D., Jaye E., Elle D., Allison M. Also for Andy and Raili M., Meherunissa, Doreen S., Karen C., Frances B., Flo L., C.L.J.T., Sandro Y., Lesley G., Ron and Rosemary P., Pat K,. Lynne S., Peri M., Maria , Joan C., Liam, Heather M., Yvonne M., Joel, Leone J. Omid M, and Everett, Janice and Brock L., Avis R., Ann D., and Pat D.

The Dearly Departed: Those we no longer see, but they will live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Susan, Brent, Ben and Emily Ewing, Zina Fedulova, Elsie Flemming, Chris and Emma Flynn and Gordon and Lakhvinder Gadd.

Sharing of The Peace

We stand as we are able and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.

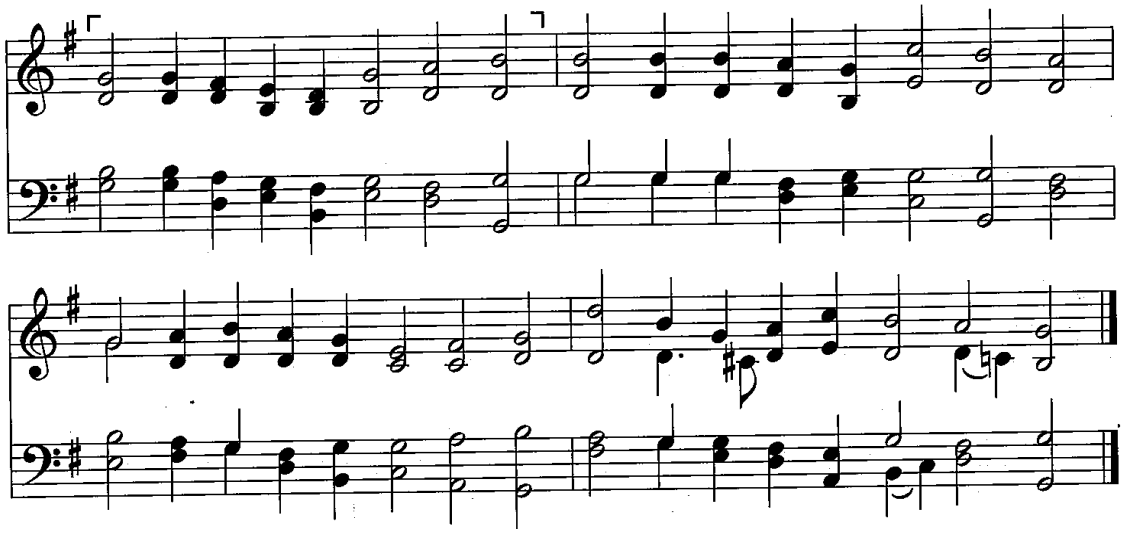
Celebrant May the peace of Christ always be with you.
All **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the deacon or celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.

Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637–1710).

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of grace,

All **you have freed us from our sins**
and made us a kingdom in your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in the new life you have given
us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 3 (DoNW)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death
he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our
voices with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer
of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of isolation into community, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and
death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus
Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to
you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given
for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried with you in your tomb.
All **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion

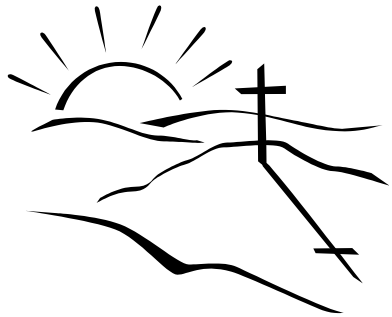
Celebrant Father,
All **we have seen with our eyes**
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant 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.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**