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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Guest Preacher: Tracey MacLennan

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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:

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Guest Preacher:</i>	<i>Tracey MacLennan</i>
<i>Musician:</i>	<i>Galina Martyniounk, piano and organ</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Alison Brookfield</i>
<i>Sunday School:</i>	<i>Kate Deans</i>

Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant 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.

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 O God of peace,
**All who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus
Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your
will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in
your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Acts 4:5-12

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**

**You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.**

**You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, *
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; *
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me *
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, *
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

1 John 3:16-24

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The Gospel — Fourth 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.

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

John 10:11-18

Celebrant

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Tracey MacLennan

Time for Reflection

Apostle's Creed

Celebrant
All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker 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, dead, and buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on 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.**

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. St. Mark, Ocean Park - The Reverend Phillipa Segrave-Pride; St. Philip, Vancouver - The Reverend Stuart Hallam; The Archdeaconry of Capilano - The Venerable Stephen Muir, Regional Archdeacon.

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., Pat D. and Reverend Vivian Seegers.

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

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Pam Hope, Junie Howie, Carolyn and Steve Iker, Diane and Warren Johnson, Anne Kean, Pat Koontz and Pat Kuechler.

Sharing of The Peace

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

Celebrant
All

May the peace of Christ always be with you.
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

The musical score for the Doxology is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of G major (one sharp). The first system contains the first two lines of the melody and accompaniment. The second system contains the final two lines, ending with a double bar line. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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
All

God of loving care,
**you spread before us the table of life,
 and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
 Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus
 Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 4 (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 It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.

Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages

you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Therefore we praise you,
 joining with the heavenly chorus,
 with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
 and with those in every generation
 who have looked to you in hope,
 to proclaim with them your glory,
 in their unending hymn:

**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 Blessed are you, Lord our God,
 for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
 who on the night he was handed over
 to suffering and death,
 took bread, said the blessing,
 broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
 and said, "Take this, and eat it:
 this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
 he took the cup of wine;
 he gave you thanks,
 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.”

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant
All

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

We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ

All

We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant
All

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

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant
All

God of steadfast love,
**watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of
your Son. May we who share in these holy
mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen
Lord. Amen.**

The Doxology

Celebrant
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power
of the Spirit.
Our worship is now over, and our service
begins.

All

Thanks be to God.