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Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant : The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Guest Preacher Jill Parsons

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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>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Musician:</i>	<i>Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Maria Morellato</i>
<i>Children's Time:</i>	<i>Kate Deans</i>

Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant
All

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant
All

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

Celebrant
All

Almighty God,
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
All

O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Acts 3:12-19

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

**Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and
hear my prayer.**

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”**

**Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful *
and will hear me when I call.**

**Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

**Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.**

**Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

**You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

The Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

John 3:1-7

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

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel — Third 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 Luke.

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Jill Parsons

Time for Reflection

Creed

Celebrant
All

Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,
**I believe in God,
 Creator of the universe,
 dwelling within time and space and eternity.
 I believe in Jesus Christ
 who came to live among us
 and let us see what God is like.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 sent from God through Jesus
 to be our guide and comforter.
 Therefore, I believe in love, in hope,
 compassion, joy, and faith,
 and forgiveness, and eternal life.**

Frances Somerville

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. Anselm, Vancouver - The Reverend Alexander Wilson St. Oswald; Port Kells - The Reverend Gordon Shields; St. Helen, Surrey - The Reverend Stephen Laskey.

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 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: Chris Gilbert, Keith Gilbert, Jim, Alexandra, Liam, Georgia and Callum Graham, Rafael Greenway and Faith Han.

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. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The first system begins with a treble clef staff containing a G-clef and a bass clef staff containing an F-clef. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines. The second system concludes with a double bar line.

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

Creator of all,

All

**you wash away our sins in water,
 you give us new birth by the Spirit,
 and redeem us in the blood of Christ.**

**As we celebrate the resurrection,
 renew your gift of life within us.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen
 Lord. Amen.**

All

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

Celebrant

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
in the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
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."

Gracious God,
 his perfect sacrifice
 destroys the power of sin and death;
 by raising him to life
 you give us life for evermore.
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
 and looking for his coming again in glory,
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
 that all who eat and drink at this table
 may be one body and one holy people,
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory is yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever.

All **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
All

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

Celebrant
All

We were buried with you in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant
All

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

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Author of life divine,

All **in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.
Feed us always in these mysteries,
that we may show your glory to all the world. We
ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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
All

Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

