

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday August 15th, 2021
The Feast of St. Mary the Mother of Jesus.
Service of the Word

We gather on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation

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*Take a deep breath.
And again.*

The Gathering of the Community

- Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
- People **And also with you.**
- Officiant Let us pray.
- We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together 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.
- People **Amen.**
- Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.
- People **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.**
- Officiant 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 for ever. Amen.
- Officiant The Lord is our light and our life.
- People **O come, let us worship.**

Heavenly message, brought by an angel,
Coming to lift the hopes of the earth;
Bringing to Mary humble and lowly,
God's invitation to the Christ birth.

*Mary we hail you, full of God's favour,
Blessed are you and blessed your son;
He will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.*

Mary replied to Gabriel's message,
"I am the servant, maid of the Lord.
Let it be done just as you have spoken.
My soul rejoices in God's saving word".

*Mary we hail you, full of God's favour,
Blessed are you and blessed your son;
He will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.*

In the beginning, when God had spoken,
Through God's own Word all things came to be;
Now by that Word, embodied through Mary,
God's glory blazes, that our eyes may see.

*Mary we hail you, full of God's favour,
Blessed are you and blessed your son;
He will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.*

Collect

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Mighty One, whose power does not reside in fleshless lonely purity, whose word is enwombed at the heart of creation: we praise you for Mary, whose hospitable You made a place for Love; whose song of transformation makes thrones and rulers tremble; whose prayer is heard because she is one of us; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-15

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

Psalm: 132:6-10, 13-14

"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
Let us go to God's dwelling place;
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,
you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.
For your servant David's sake,
do not turn away the face of your anointed.
"If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."
For the Lord has chosen Zion,

he has desired her for his habitation.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gradual: Masithi: Amen

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Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.

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Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O Lord.

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Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maria

sung by the Squamish Academy of Music

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Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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

Leader 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, 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 Sunday August 15th , 2021

The Church

The Vancouver School of Theology, The Reverend Richard Topping,
The Reverend Grant Rodgers, The Revd Liz Ruder-Celiz with all Faculty, staff
and students.

Our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern
Philippines

St. John the Divine, Squamish – the Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

Immediate Prayer Requests

Edie, Joan Phillips, Maria and Plinio, Cody, Margaret Grace, Clive, Nina, Jessica, Susan, Eleanor, The Howe Sound Women's Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls, the Elders of Squamish Nation and the patients of Squamish General Hospital.

We pray for Gabriel Ritsema and Melanie Hennenfent as they enter into the sacrament of marriage together.

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.