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First Sunday After Christmas

10:00 am Family Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices off or to 'silent'. Thank you.

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

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

<i>Officiant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Liturgical Assistant:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Crucifer & Server:</i>	<i>Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Leeann Price, Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Tracey MacLennan</i>

Flowers in the Sanctuary today *have been generously donated by members of the Parish of St. John. Please see the last page of the bulletin for dedications.*

Prelude & 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 Almighty God,
**All you have shed upon us the new light of your
incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth
in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: read by Leeann Price
A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

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

Psalm 148

Hallelujah!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise God in the heights.**

**Praise the Lord all you angels; *
sing praises, all you heavenly host.**

**Praise the Lord, sun and moon; *
sing praises, all you shining stars.**

**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, *
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.**

**Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
who gave the command and they were created,
who made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

**Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

**mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;**

**wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;**

**sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;**

**young men and young women, *
old and young together.**

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is over earth and
heaven.**

**The Lord has raised up strength for this people *
and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel, *
a people who are near to the Lord.
Hallelujah!**

Liturgical Assistant

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one
God:

**All as it was in the beginning, is now and will
be forever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: read by Hazel Breakey

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

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The Gospel — First Sunday after Christmas

All stand for the Gospel.

Liturgical Assistant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Liturgical Assistant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2:41-52

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

Sermon The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver - The Revd Patrick Blaney; St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby - The Revd Ruth Monette; St. Stephen, West Vancouver - The Revd Ken Vinal.

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

The World: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:*

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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: Kelly, Dorothy D., Jaye E., Elle D., Allison M., Pat K., Yvonne M., Leone J., Flo L., Doreen S., Joan C.' Also for Andy and Raili M., Meherunissa, , Karen C., C.L.J.T., Sandro Y., Lesley G., Ron and Rosemary P., Peri, Maria., Liam, Avis R., Jean W., Laurence W., Jean S., Zina F., Elizabeth B., Frankie., J.J.T., Christie Smith and family.

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

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Behrouz Mavizisani, Raili Mazurek, Heather McDonald, Diane and James McLatchie, Yvonne Michael, Sandra Miller, Omid Moradtalab and Cinda Morales.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
 God welcomes us
 and invites us to this table.
 Let us confess our sins,
 confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Sharing of The Peace

We stand as we are able remain in place and greet our neighbours in the name of the Lord with a nod or a bow.

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. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. Please place your offerings in the collection plate at the back of the church. We thank you very much.

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of light,
All **in the birth of your Son we see your glory.**
May we who share in this mystery
grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 2 (DoNW)

Celebrant May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious
God, source of life abundant. From before time, you
made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the
deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and
stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.
You made us in your image, male and female, and
taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against
you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother
cares for her children, you would not
forget us. Time and again you call us to live in the
fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with saints and angels in the
chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our
voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John the Evangelist and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory and praise, for ever and 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 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 The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion at this table.
(Covid Precaution – Communion is offered in bread only. Please maintain 2 meters
between as you come forward. Please come forward to the right or left of the Altar and
come up to the Altar alternating right and left. Please go back to your pew in the centre
isle and then consume your wafer at your seat. Thank you).*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Source of truth and joy,
All **may we who have received the gift of divine life
 always follow the way of your Son.
 This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

Liturgical Assistant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Liturgical Assistant 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.**

Christmas Flower Dedications

Flowers in the Sanctuary were generously donated by members of our parish.

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Gwen Hardy & Helen Craig

Loved Ones

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Norman Dunne

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