

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday May 8th, 2022
Forth Sunday of Easter

We gather on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation

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ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Welcome and Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.
We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Act of Praise: Alleluia! Glory to God!

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Collect of the Day

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of the flock:

People **teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
so that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to
the glory of God, the Shepherd of Israel. Amen.**

Children's Time

The Proclamation of the Word

We sit to listen for the word of God

1st Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

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2nd Reading: Revelations 7:9-17

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (as you are able, please stand)

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 10:22-30

People	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
	At the conclusion...
Gospeller	The Gospel of Christ!
People	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People

*Standing, sitting or kneeling, we offer prayer as a community for the Church,
for the world, for those in need and for those who have died.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Confitemini Domino

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray,

God of loving care,

All **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.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, ...
... 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God...
...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 ...
 ...glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

Fraction Sentence #8

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All **Now we are raised to new life.**
Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
All **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God"**

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than the bread, place your hand over your heart. If you wish to receive a wafer, extend two hands. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray,

God of steadfast love,

**All 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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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Dismissal

Presider Go in peace, rejoicing in the risen Christ! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Prayer Requests

The Deanery of Tri-Cities / North Burnaby – The Reverend
Eric Mason, Regional Dean
The Archdeaconry of Burrard - The Venerable Kevin Hunt –
Regional Archdeacon

The flowers in the sanctuary have been placed in
loving memory of Edie and Christine and the joy
they brought into the world. Happy Mother's Day!

The Waters of Baptism - A Reflection

He was the last person I expected to do it. In our Baptism prep sessions, he had told me about his upbringing in the Dutch Reformed Church and how his family and friends had been very protestant. The new baby they had just adopted had given this couple the desire to look again at their faith and God's place in their own lives, and in their future family life with this new child. And they made a commitment to be part of our Chapel congregation family. We held the Baptism on a Communion Sunday and had moved the Font into the center of the area before the communion rail. This gave a good space for the family and sponsors to stand facing the congregation and allowed the congregation to witness the Baptism. After the Baptism, the family and friends again took their places in the front pews for the rest of the service.

It happened with the sharing of Communion. I moved from behind the Altar to the end of the communion rail and watched as the father of the new baby came up to the rail past the Font. He dipped his finger into the water in the Font and made the sign of the cross on his forehead. It was a deliberate, not an automatic, action. And from the look on his face, something meaningful for him. His wife shifted the baby in her arms and did the same as she passed the Font. And then others in the Baptism party followed their actions.

I watched people coming and going between serving Communion and noticed that many of my protestant congregation were doing the same thing. I was intrigued. It was the first time I had seen this Catholic custom in a protestant chapel.

During the reception after the service, I asked several people why they had crossed themselves with the Baptism water. "We saw the father and mother do it and we thought it was a nice way to remember our own baptism," said some. "After all, you asked us to renew our Baptism

vows during that part of the service,” one person said to me. The father’s response to me was that it simply seemed like the right thing to do, and it was a way of making his own commitment to God and his new son.

Since then, I have liked to take the opportunity to renew my own commitment to God with the Baptism water when the opportunity presents itself.

One other comment from that service that has stayed with me for thirty or so years; “I like the Font, the Communion Altar, and the Cross in line at the front of the Chapel, the three symbols of my faith and all that it means. Baptism is the start; Communion is the continuing and the Cross of Christ is constantly over all.”

Canon Donald J Lawton

Announcements

Book Study: Together with Squamish United Church, we will be reflecting on Kaitlin B. Curtice’s book *Nativity: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*. The first 4 session series will begin Thursday May 12th at 7.30pm (on Zoom). ‘ Participants are asked to get their own book. If you require assistance with this, please contact Rev. Cameron.

Next Spring Cleaning Date is Saturday May 14. 10am – 1pm

Sunday Ministries for Sunday May 15th

Greeter: Karen Brumpton

Reader Erica Northcott

Prayers: Pam Tattersfield

Coffee: Pam and Danusia