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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

serving North Vancouver since 1899

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Fourth 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. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices off or to "Silent". Thank you.

There are candles in the Chapel for those who wish to light one and say a prayer at any time before and during the service.

After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, ways to get involved and have fun!

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>Liturgical Assistant:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Crucifer & Server:</i>	<i>Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Leeann Price, John Spender</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Maria Morellato</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Bob Hardy, Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Welcome Table:</i>	<i>Kingsley Agyeman</i>

Flowers in the Sanctuary today *The 2023 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers. Thank you.*

Prelude & Announcements

Processional Hymn

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant The community of St. John's acknowledges that we live, work and worship on the ancestral and unceded land of the Coast Salish Peoples: The Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations. May the reconciling love of Christ be reflected in our words and in our actions.

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

All O God of peace,
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.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: read by Leeann Price

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Second Reading: Read by John Spender

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2:19-25

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Gradual Hymn *All stand for the Gospel. Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.*

The Gospel — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Assistant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Liturgical Assistant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:1-10

Liturgical Assistant The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the second half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.

Sermon Jill Parsons

Time for Reflection

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant

All

Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,

good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved

your love for us in Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Church Archbishop Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan, Bishop John Stephens, Linda Nicholls our Primate. We pray for Bishop Christopher Harper appointed National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. We pray for our sisters and brothers of St. Martin's as we merge together as one congregation. May we discern our way forward in partnership to do your will and do your love. Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Lang-akan 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 Revd Stephen Laskey (Priest-in-Charge); St. Philip, Vancouver - The Revd Lorne Manweiler; St. James, Vancouver - The Venerable Kevin Hunt, The Revd Matthew Johnson; and The Revd Joyce Locht, The Revd Amanda Ruston

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: Kelly, Dorothy D., Allison M., Pat K., Yvonne M., Leone J., Flo L., Doreen S., Louann B. and Joan C. Also for Peri, Maria., Jean W., Laurence W., Jean S., Karen C., C.L.J.T., Frankie, J.J.T., Alexandra, Lee and Susan B., Andy and Raili M., Barbara B., Caroline, Lucas and Layne, David and Family, Molly and Murray S., Janice and Jim B., John and Lynne Shozawa, Chris G., Marie and family.

The Dearly Departed: Lloyd Osei & Elle Dean. 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: Beverley Champion, Marilyn & Tony Chotem; Phil, Carla, Chester & Bailey Colvin; Robert & Andrea Common and Madeline Cooper.

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.

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Offertory Hymn

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.

Doxology

**All 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.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant 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. 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

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.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

All

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 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. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

Communion Hymns

Wondrous Love

Southern American Folk Hymn

Sung by Leeann Price & Christie Smith

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

Recessional Hymn

Dismissal

Celebrant
All

Words of Dismissal
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

