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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. 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 to silent or "off".

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:

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| <i>Celebrant:</i> | <i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i> |
| <i>Liturgical Assistant:</i> | <i>Jill Parsons</i> |
| <i>Preacher:</i> | <i>Jill Parsons</i> |
| <i>Crucifer and Server:</i> | <i>Hazel Breakey</i> |
| <i>Music Director</i> | <i>Galina Martyniuk (Piano, Organ)</i> |
| <i>Choir Director:</i> | <i>Christie Smith</i> |
| <i>Readers:</i> | <i>John Spender, Ann Hasle</i> |
| <i>Intercessor:</i> | <i>Maria Morellato</i> |
| <i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i> | <i>Alison Brookfield, Eileen Spender</i> |
| <i>Welcome Table:</i> | <i>Maria Morellato</i> |

Flowers in the Sanctuary today The 2024 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers. Thank you.

Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church: Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministry to our world. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code on your smartphone.



Prelude & Announcements

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

Merciful Lord,
**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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by John Spender.
A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
 or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
 Who created these?
 He who brings out their host and numbers them,
 calling them all by name;
 because he is great in strength,
 mighty in power,
 not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 'My way is hidden from the Lord,
 and my right is disregarded by my God'?
 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The Lord is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
 He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
 Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:21–31

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalm together.

Refrain

- ¹ Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
- ² The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.
- ³ The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
- ⁵ Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom. *Refrain*
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,
- ⁸ who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains.
- ⁹ God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- ¹⁰ God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,
- ¹¹ but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.
- ¹² Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion, *Refrain*

The Second Reading: Read by Ann Hasle.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

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

The Gospel — Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgical Assistant

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Liturgical Assistant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 1:29–39

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

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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

Please take whatever position is best for you for prayer.

The Church Archbishop Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan, Bishop John Stephens, Linda Nicholls our Primate. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, 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. 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. Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development. The Reverend Andrew Halladay, Chair, The Reverend Tellison Glover, Staff. The Anglican CanAsian Ministry (ACAM) Group.

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

The World: *O God the Holy Ghost*

Who art light unto thine elect

Evermore enlighten us.

Thou who art fire of love

Evermore enkindle us.

Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life,

Evermore live in us.

Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace,

Evermore replenish us.

As the wind is thy symbol,

So forward our goings.

As the dove, so launch us heavenwards.

As water, so purify our spirits.

As a cloud, so abate our temptations.

As dew, so revive our languor.

As fire, so purge our dross

Christina Rossetti (AD 1830-1894)

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: The Sampson Family, John & Pat Riddell, Andy & Raili Mazurek.

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: Donna Lawrence & family, Joan Hodgson, Jo Lynne Hoegg, Pam Hope.

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 and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.

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 (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.

Doxology

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| 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. |
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The Prayer Over the Gifts

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| Celebrant All | God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. |
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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 the One 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.

Celebrant

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

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

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| Priest | We break this bread to share in the body of Christ |
| People | We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread. |

The Communion

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| Priest | The Gifts of God, for the people of God. |
| People | 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

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Eternal God,
All in you we find peace beyond all telling.
 May we who share in this heavenly banquet
 be instruments of your peace on earth,
 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.

The Blessing

Dismissal

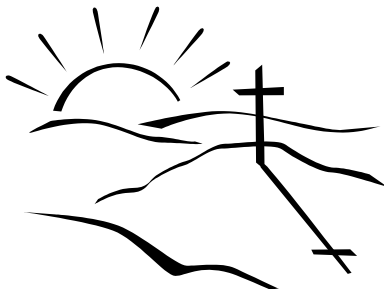
Priest

Words of Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude, for those who wish to remain



Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge for our tea and coffee fellowship.