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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

serving North Vancouver since 1899

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First Sunday in Lent

Contemplative Service

Please maintain silence in the sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant : The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Preacher: Alison Brookfield

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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:

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Liturgical Assistant:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Guest Preacher:</i>	<i>Alison Brookfield</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>Howard Dallimore, Leeann Price</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Ann Hasle</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Linda Harrison, Christine Williams</i>
<i>Welcome Table:</i>	<i>Diane Johnson</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 Precede the Service

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 Grace

Celebrant We gather in the name of God,
All Creator of the universe, source of true humanity,
mother and father of all. Amen.

Celebrant We gather in the name of Jesus,
All Word made flesh,
saviour of wounded humanity,
lover of all. Amen.

Celebrant We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit,
All Lord and giver of life,
midwife of our new humanity,
inspirer of us all. Amen.

Celebrant Come then, Eternal God:
All Be present here. Befriend us here.
Renew us here.

The Collect

Celebrant
All

Almighty God,
**whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives 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 Howard Dallimore.
A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Genesis 9:8–17

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25 *Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalm together.*



Refrain

- ¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. *Refrain*
- ⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. *Refrain*
- ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. *Refrain*

The Second Reading: read by Leeann Price.
A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3:18–22

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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.* 9

The Gospel— First Sunday in Lent

Three Bells

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.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Mark 1:9–15

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

Alison Brookfield

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 *Please take whatever position is best for you for prayer.*

Intercessions

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. St. Chad Chinese Ministry, Richmond. The Reverend Bill Mok. St. David, Delta. The Reverend Simbarashe Basvi.

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, John and Lynne Shozowa, Laurie Stringer, Ann Burch, Mir and his 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: Anne Kean, Pat Koonts, Carol Leclair, Florence Legebokow, Tracey MacLennan & Annelise Weddigen.

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.

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 celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.

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.
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Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant	God our refuge and our strength,
All	receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant This is the table of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 It is to be made ready
 for those who love him
 and who want to love him more.
 So come,

**All we who have much faith
 and we who have little,
 we who have been here often
 and we who have not been for a long time,
 we who have tried to follow
 and we who have failed.**

Celebrant Come. This is our Lord's invitation.

**All It is his will that those who seek him
 should meet him here.**

**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 Now let us hear the story
 of how this sacrament began:
 On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,
 he sat at supper with his disciples.
 While they were eating, he took a piece of bread,
 said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the
 words,
 "This is my body. It is broken for love of you.
 Do this to remember me".

Celebrant Later he took a cup of wine, saying:
 "This cup is God's new covenant,
 sealed with my love and my life blood.
 Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

**All So now, following Jesus' example and command,
 we take this bread and this wine,
 the ordinary things of the world
 which Christ will make special.
 And as he said a prayer before sharing,
 let us do so too.**

Celebrant And now, lest we believe
 that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,
 we fall silent and remember him who came because
 words weren't enough.

(Silent reflection)

Celebrant Setting our wisdom, our will, and our words aside,
**All emptying our hearts,
 and bringing nothing in our hands,
 we yearn for the healing, the holding, the
 accepting, the forgiving, which Christ alone can
 offer.**

(Silent reflection)

Celebrant Merciful God, send now,
 in your abounding kindness and generosity,
 your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine
 and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

**All May that same Spirit rest on us,
 converting us from the patterns of this passing
 world, until we conform to the shape of him
 whose food we now share. Amen.**

(Silent Reflection)

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,

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.



Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

All

Faithful God,

in this holy bread

you increase our faith and hope and love.

Lead us in the path of Christ

who is your Word of life.

We ask this in his name. 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.

The Blessing

Three Bells

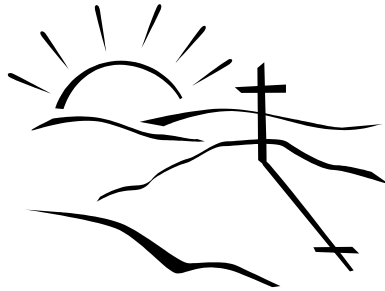


Dismissal

Celebrant
All

Words of Dismissal.
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.