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Second Sunday in Lent

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:

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Liturgical Assistant:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Preacher:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</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>Bill Muir, Janet Harris</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Donna Lawrence</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Alison Brookfield, Madeline Cooper</i>
<i>Welcome Table:</i>	<i>Kingsley Agyeman</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

Almighty God,
**whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory
to glory; 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 Bill Muir.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalm together.

The Second Reading: Read by Janet Harris.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4:13–25

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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 — Second Sunday in Lent

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.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8: 31–38

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

Patrick Blaney

Time for Reflection

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
 God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
 light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not
 made, of one Being with the Father;
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 He came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was
 made man. For our sake he was crucified under
 Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
 dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father.
 With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and
 glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
 sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. 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. The Archdeaconry of Westminster. Diocese of New Westminster Chapter.

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: Margaret Mainwaring, Peri Mainwaring & family, Galina Martyniuk, Behrouz Mavizisani.

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

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

Celebrant	God of wisdom,
All	may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. 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 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

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

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 Creator of heaven and earth,
All we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ our 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

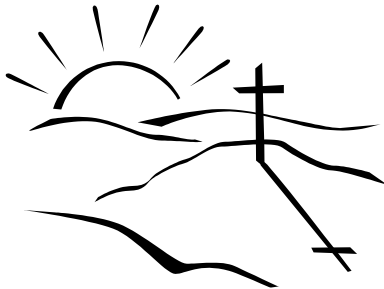
Priest

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.