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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

serving North Vancouver since 1899

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Laetare Sunday

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>Howard Dallimore, Ann Hasle</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Madeline Cooper, Linda Harrison</i>
<i>Welcome Table:</i>	<i>Donna Lawrence</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 Great Litany

Prayer of Approach to God

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,

Have mercy on us.

Prayers for Deliverance

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears;
spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with
your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the
devil, from your wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from
envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all deadly sin, and from the deceits of the world, the flesh,
and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and
contempt of your word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil
strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and
unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and
temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion, by your
precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension,
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death,
and on the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayers of Intercession

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.

Hear us, good Lord.

(For our country)

Strengthen your servant Charles our King in true worship and holiness of life, be his defender and keeper, that he may always seek your honour and glory, and endue the leaders of this nation with wisdom and understanding.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

(For the Church)

Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless all your servants preparing for ministry in your Church. Pour your grace upon them that they may serve others as Christ himself has served us, for the building up of his Body in love.

Hear us, good Lord.

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out labourers into the harvest.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word, to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord

(For all people)

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Hear us, good Lord.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all young children, and comfort the aged and lonely.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Hear us, good Lord.*Concluding Prayers*

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us your peace.

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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

Gracious Father,
**whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from
 heaven to be the true bread which gives life to
 the world, evermore give us this bread, that he
 may live in us, and we in him, 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 Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Numbers 21:4-9

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107: *Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalm together.*



The Second Reading: Read by Ann Hasle.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:1–10

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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 — Laetare Sunday

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.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

John 3:14–21

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

The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Time for Reflection

One Woman's Creed

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

**All I believe in God,
creator of the universe
dwelling forever beyond time and space.
I believe in Jesus Christ
who came to live among us
and let us see what God is like.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
sent from God through Jesus
to be our guide and comforter.
Therefore I believe in love,
in hope, compassion, joy and faith,
and forgiveness and eternal life.**

Frances Somerville

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 All	God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.
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Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices 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 The One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many

Celebrant for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me.”
 Gracious God,
 his perfect sacrifice
 destroys the power of sin and death;
 by raising him to life
 you give us life for evermore.
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
 and looking for his coming again in glory,
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
 that all who eat and drink at this table
 may be one body and one holy people,
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory is yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,
All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat
 which bears its fruit in dying.
 All If we have died with him,
 we shall live with him;
 if we hold firm,
 we shall reign with him.

The Communion

Priest The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
People Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymns







Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

All

Giver of life,

you enlighten all who come into the world.

**Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise
your holy name, through Jesus Christ the 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.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

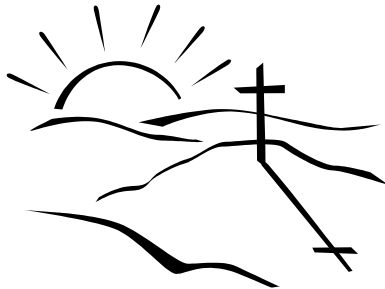
Priest

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.