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January 26, 2025 Third Sunday after the Epiphany Vancouver School of Theology Sunday 10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney Guest Preacher: Dara Crandall, VST

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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". Thank you.

After the service, we invite everyone (especially newcomers!) to join us for coffee or tea, and 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! We look forward to getting to know you better!

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney
Guest Preacher: Dara Crandall, Student at VST

Liturgical Assistant:

Crucifer and Altar Server:

Choir Director:

Music Director:

Jill Parsons

Hazel Breakey

Christie Smith

Galina Martyniouk

Readers: Janet Harris, Kevin Benoy

Intercessor: Donna Lawrence

Eucharistic Administrators: Madeline Cooper, Linda Harrison

Welcome Table: Maria Morellato

The Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church:

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VST Sunday

Today we celebrate Vancouver School of Theology, and several aspects of today's service have come from the faculty of VST.

We welcome as our guest Dara Crandall. Dara is VST final year MDiv student at VST (and continue additional degree at VST). She's currently working towards becoming an ordained priest in the Anglican Church of Canada. Moreover, Dara is also a military chaplain with the Canadian Armed Forces. She's done works and research in regard to the topic of death and dying.

Prelude & Announcements

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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

Tsleil-Waututh Nations. May the reconciling love of Christ be

reflected in our words and in our actions.

Call to Worship

Celebrant Come to worship.

Come with your joy and expectation.

Come with your doubt and fear.

Come with what troubles you.

Come with your hopes and dreams.

Come with your questions and unsatisfying answers.

Come with your hunger and thirst for truth and love.

Come to eat the bread of God's instruction.

Come to drink of God's water of life without cost, freely given.

God is here. God is with us. We are not alone.

God is waiting for you with welcome,

with open arms, with revelation.

Come. Worship as you are, not as you think you should be.

Prepare to leave, changed by God's everlasting presence.

Dr. Harry O. Maier VST Professor of New Testament & Early Christian Studies

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.

Glory to God

All (sung) Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant Almighty God,

All by grace alone you call us

and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
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 Janet Harris. A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord

your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

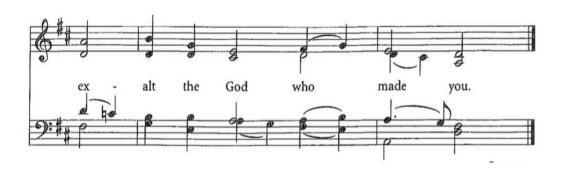
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 - Hymn based on Psalm 19

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.





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87 87 887 MIT FREUDEN ZART Higher key 310 **The Second Reading:** Read by Kevin Benoy. A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31A

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Gradual Hymn Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first two verses of the Gradual Hymn. Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.



The Gospel - Third 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 Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:14-21

Liturgical Assistant The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the last two verses of the Gradual hymn.

Sermon

Dara Crandall

Masters of Divinity Student Vancouver School of Theology

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

Prayers of the People



You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you for the prayers of the people.

The Church: We pray for Archbishop John Stephens our Metropolitan, and Archbishop Anne Germond, Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. 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 Dara and Jill in their discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For St. Agnes, North Vancouver - Archdeacon Stephen Muir; St. Hilda, Sechelt - The Reverend Stephen Black; Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development - Archdeacon Andrew Halladay, Chair, The Reverend Tellison Glover, Staff. For 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 Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School, Lookout Housing and Health Society of the North Shore.

The World: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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: John & Pat Riddell, Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Madeline Cooper, Maria Morellato, Joan, Jean Welsh.

The Dearly Departed: We pray for Jill as she mourns the passing of her father, David Parsons, for Bishop John Stephens on the passing of his mother, Thelma Stephens, and for the Hambidge family on the passing of Denise, beloved wife of Archbishop Douglas Hambidge. We pray for all who have passed on from this life and live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Susan and Brent Ewing, Paolo Fearnley, Via Fearnley, Zinaida Fedulova, Gordon Gadd, Chris Gilbert, and their families.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader Creator God, we thank you

All For eagles, orcas, mountains, seas.

Show us how to love this land,

To learn its ways, To keep its health.

Leader Compassionate God, we thank you.

All You answer those who call.

Show us how to be your hands,

To share our food, Our skills, our love.

Leader Forgiving God, we thank you.

All You hold us when we fall.

O Witness, conscience, mirror! Show us how to know ourselves, To grow more honest and more just.

Leader Peaceful God, we thank you.

All You calm the hearts of friends.

Show us how to reach through fear, To see with love and without hate, To build a world of peace. Amen.

> -Rabbi Dr. Laura Duhan-Kaplan VST Director of Interreligious Studies Program & Interim Academic Dean

Confession and Absolution - Prayer of Approach

Celebrant Tender and loving God,

All Your infinite mercy and

capacity for care astound us.

You are the Creator and Sustainer of all things,

The Alpha and Omega,

whose majesty is beyond our understanding.

Celebrant And yet, you also number

the hairs on our heads,

the grains of sand on the beach,

and are intimately acquainted with every living being from humble grubs below the surface of the grass

to soaring eagles who

catch air currents above the cedars.

All We confess the many ways that

we have failed to reflect your love and mercy. We have squandered the resources of creation.

We have disregarded the needs of

neighbours near and far.

We have allowed fear to drive our actions

It is easy to lose heart. We see the results of

our brokenness everywhere.

(Silence is kept)

Celebrant Tender God,

forgive, heal,

restore and console your creation.

Inspire and empower us to trust you completely.

Guide our actions,

That our whole lives might point to your Commonwealth.

All We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ,

In whose footsteps we follow,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever.

Amen.

-Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken VST Butler Chair of Homiletics & Biblical Interpretation

Celebrant The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,

we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins,

Strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

Keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

Rev. Dr. Richard R. Topping VST President

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.

2 All heaven declares

Words and Music: Noel and Tricia Richards



I will proclaim
 the glory of the risen Lord.
 Who once was slain
 to reconcile us to God.
 For ever you will be
 the Lamb upon the throne.
 I gladly bow the knee
 and worship you alone.

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The Offertory

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The liturgical assistants set the Altar and prepare the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. The Offertory Plate, that holds our donations for the needs and responsibilities of the Church, is then brought forward to be blessed before the Altar.

The Doxology

All (sung) 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 of Dedication

Celebrant Gracious God,

All You call us to make

your gift of love evident in our lives.

Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving

and as a sign of our commitment to be

prophetic witnesses of your love and justice.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

-Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho VST Professor of United Church Formation and Studies

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 1 (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 indeed right that we should praise you,

gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female and all genders you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

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 (sung)

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.

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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

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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.

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

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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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All (sung) 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

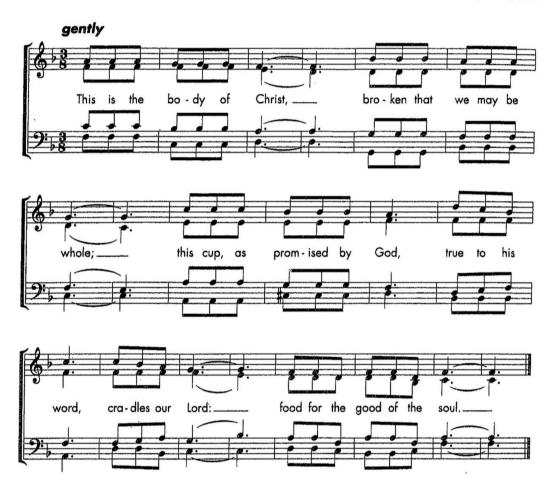
Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

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.

This is the body of Christ

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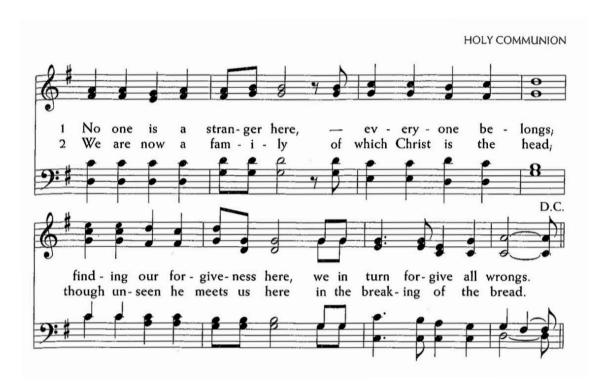
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We Gather Here (Come, Share the Lord)



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Priest Takes Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant takes their Communion at the altar, saying the following.

Celebrant: The body of Christ, food for our journey.

The blood of Christ, the cup of love.

And now I invite you here, and you at home, to put your hand over your heart and accept the communion of God.

All Amen.

The communion hymns continue as the Liturgical Assistants clear the altar.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Gracious God,

All our hands have taken holy things;

our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.

May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world.

We ask this 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

Recessional Hymn

THANKSGIVING 405 Alleluia No. 1



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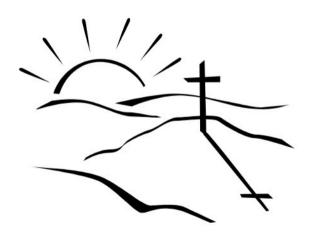


Dismissal

Celebrant Words of Dismissal

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude, for those who wish to remain



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.

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