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Canada Day Service

Service of Baptism

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: 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". 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!

The Anglican Church

As Anglicans we believe that God is eternal, the earth maker, the pain bearer, the life giver; source of all that is and shall be; father and mother of us all. We learn that God is one, yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - a Holy Trinity.

We believe that Christians learn about God in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and through sharing in the living community of faith. We believe Jesus Christ was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. We are an Apostolic Church, meaning that Bishops are a part of our leadership and we can trace our line of Bishops back to the 12 Apostles.

As Anglicans we get to know God by God's initiative in our thinking and understanding: by experiencing and reflecting on the wonder and mystery of creation, birth and death, love, forgiveness and the need to find meaning and worth beyond ourselves.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's, whether you were raised Anglican, or followed another faith, or you have no faith background at all. We hope you find what you are looking for in our service today.

Our Service Today - Baptism

This liturgy (the words we say) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, and is the common, contemporary Anglican liturgy.

Today is a service of Baptism. Baptism is the sign of new life in Christ and unites Christ with his people. When we become baptized, we make a commitment to follow Jesus. In the Anglican Church, children may be baptized, with parents and sponsors making these commitments for them.

Chapel Candles

At any time during the service, you are welcome to prayerfully light a candle in the chapel in honour of a loved one, or in a prayer of concern.

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

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Reverend Patrick Blaney
Liturgical Assistant:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Musician:	Galina Martyniuk - piano, organ
Readers:	Ann Burch, Leeann Price
Intercessor:	Maria Morellato
Eucharistic Administrators:	Alison Brookfield, Maria Morellato

Welcome Table is not staffed through the summer

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The official Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers, even if you signed up somewhere else previously. If you have any questions, please contact Donna in the office.

The Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church:

We do not "pass the plate" at St. John's. We invite you to place your donation on the Offertory Plate at the back of the church anytime. During the Offertory Hymn the plate is brought forward to the altar.

Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministries to our community. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



The New "Faithful Friends" Section

We want our worship to be welcoming to everyone, so we have added a section at the end of the bulletin called Faithful Friends. The activities on this page will appeal to the young, the young at heart, and the neurodivergent. We welcome faith-based artwork drawn by anyone in the parish, to publish in the bulletin.

Prelude & Announcements

Processional Hymn - Come, Let Us Sing

We stand for the Processional Hymn, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Squamish - Mother of the Wind, the Tsleil-Waututh - People of the Inlet, and the Musqueam - People of the River Grass. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

All May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen

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 Almighty God,

**All your blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life.**

**All Grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Baptismal Rite

Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

Children are invited to the front of the church to see the baptism.

Celebrant From the founding of the Church believers have been
been received by baptism. Believers' children have also
baptized with the help and encouragement of the
whole community. We grow up knowing God's love,
hope, and forgiveness. In that tradition, we listen to
and meditate upon scripture.

The Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism

Please be seated.

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents We present Blake to be baptised and made a
member of the Body of Christ, the Church.**

Celebrant God is love, God gives life.
In baptism God declares that love, and God calls us to
respond freely.

The Celebrant addresses the parents and godparents:

Celebrant How do you respond to this promise?

Parents We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness support Blake to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents We will with God's help.

Celebrant Do you strive for peace and justice and share God's love in our world?

Parents We do.

Celebrant Do you follow the Way that brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

Parents We do.

Celebrant How then will you care for this child?

Parents We will love this child and share our faith with him.

The Response of the Community

Celebrant We now ask this community, the body of Christ, for its support and care. Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support his life in Christ?

All We agree to support Blake through our prayers and actions.

Prayers for the candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Blake who is to receive the sacrament of baptism. In the transforming waters of baptism, your child, Jesus, embraced his mission. Loving God, creator of living waters, help Blake to walk in the ways of goodness and new life. Open his heart to your wisdom and grace.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Pour your grace upon this community of faith.
Help us teach Blake the ways of
your love and compassion, help us to foster and
nourish the gifts that you have planted within him.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Through baptism, we agree to do all in our power
to help Blake to choose Good over Evil,
Love over Hate, Hope over Despair.

**All Through baptism
we recognize the freedom and light Christ brings.
We promise to care for Blake
to support his learning,
to help him on his spiritual journey
and to provide a place to go
in times of difficulty. Amen.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Now we all recall our faith and renew our own
baptismal vows. We believe in God the Father.

**All In the silence and the secret of our hearts we
believe in God, father and mother of us all, even
though there is evil and suffering, even though it is
sometimes difficult to believe, we believe God
created our world and we are called to be co-
creators of happiness and new life.**

Celebrant We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God.

**All We believe in Jesus who lived among us, caring for
the world, and healing the sick. He calls us to love,
share and forgive, as we try to follow his footsteps.**

Celebrant We believe in God the Holy Spirit.

All We believe in the Spirit of peace and reconciliation.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in prayer?

All We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All We will, with God's help.

The Celebration of Baptism - Thanksgiving over the Water

Holy Water is poured into the font

Celebrant At the beginning of time,
you blessed Mother earth with water.
And during each pregnancy,
you nurture new life in the waters of the womb.
John the Baptiser used water to baptize
in the Jordan River.
Jesus used water to wash his disciples' feet.
May this water of baptism wash and purify.
May this water renew our own baptism
and make us grow in faith.

As our ancestors walked through
the waters of the Red Sea to be saved,
we go through the waters of baptism
to belong to our living community, the body of Christ.
Let us pray.

Celebrant May the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit rest on this water,
so that all who will be baptised,
will come through Christ's death and gain new life.

**All Fountains from God!
Streams of new life!
Lakes of abundance!**

The Baptismal Water Rite

Celebrant Blake we baptize you in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Chrism oil is brought forward

Celebrant Blake, you are called to great things!
Through baptism, we all become priests,
prophets and sovereigns.
As such you will receive now the royal chrism
set apart for all kings and queens.

We sign you with the cross
and mark you as Christ's own forever.

Invitation to the Priesthood of All Believers

Celebrant The stole is the symbol of priesthood,

The stole is wrapped gently around the candidate.

Welcome, Blake,
to the royal priesthood of all believers.

The Giving of the Light

The Baptismal candle is lit.

A sponsor from the Congregation will give the candidate a lighted candle.

Sponsor	Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ
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All	The light of Christ is in our midst.
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Sponsor	Here is a candle to keep as you grow, to light at each stepping stone of your life so as to remind you of your baptism.
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All	Receive the light of Christ! In joy we welcome you to this community of faith.
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Celebrant	Let us welcome the newly baptized.
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Baptismal Hymn - This Child of Ours, This Miracle

As the Baptismal Anthem is sung, Blake, Parents and Sponsors may proceed with the celebrant as he sprinkles the congregation with holy water to remind them of their own baptism in Christ.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Ann Burch.
A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Ezekiel 34:11-16

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 87

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

Liturgical

Assistant Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God.

**All On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded;
the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God.

**I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me;
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born.**

**Of Zion it shall be said,
"Everyone was born in her,
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."**

**The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples,
"These also were born there."**

**The singers and the dancers will say,
"All my fresh springs are in you."**

Liturgical

Assistant Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

**All As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen**

The Second Reading: Read by Leeann Price.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:1-8

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Gradual Hymn - Come Down, O Love Divine

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

We turn to face the Liturgical Assistant as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary. Then we sing the last part of the Gospel Hymn facing the altar.

The Gospel - Third Sunday after Pentecost, St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles Day

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.**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

John 21:15-19

Liturgical Assistant The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

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

Prayers of the People - Hear Our Prayer

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 Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton – The Reverend Arvin Amayag; The Diocesan Refugee Unit - Ms Shannon Muir, ODNW - Chair; The Diocese of the Yukon - Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame. 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: *Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen*

(John Philip Newell)

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: Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Madeline Cooper, Maria Morellato, MC, Ron Paxon, Mark.

The Dearly Departed: We pray for our brother in Christ, Raf Ellis, and for Margaret and his friends and family who mourn his passing. We pray for John Foley, and for his sister Pat Muir and her family as they mourn his loss. 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: Sandra Miller, Cheryl Mitchell, Maria Morellato, Bill and Pat Muir, Allison Mulligan, Stuart Newton, and their families.

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.

(A prayful 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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All And also with you.

The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord. Many of us will simply smile and say "Peace be with you".

The Offertory

The Offertory Plate can be found at the back of the church by the double doors, and you may place your donation there anytime before or during the service. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our community and the world. We sincerely thank you.

We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate will be presented to the altar.

Offertory Hymn - This Is The Day

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 Over the Gifts

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All receive all we offer you on this feast of the apostles.
Help us to know our own weakness
and to rejoice in your saving power,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 4 (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 right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Gracious God,
 we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
 we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
 and we look with expectation for his coming
 as Lord of all the nations.
 We who have been redeemed by him,
 and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
 now bring you these gifts.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon this offering of your Church,
 that we who eat and drink at this holy table
 may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

All

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
 and make it your new creation.
 Gather your Church together
 from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
 where peace and justice are revealed,
 that we, with all your people,
 of every language, race, and nation,
 may share the banquet you have promised;
 through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.
Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

All

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

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
 "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
 whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 happy are they who trust in him.**

The Communion

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

All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

*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

- **This is the Body of Christ**
- **Come, Ever Blessed Spirit, Come**
- **In the Quiet Curve of Evening**

The Eucharistic administrators will first serve Communion to the choir. Then they will stand at the front of the church and the congregation will come forward in two lines down the centre aisle to take Communion. If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.

Celebrant Takes Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant takes 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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Heavenly Father,
**All renew the life of your Church
 by the power of this sacrament.
 May the breaking of bread
 and the teaching of the apostles
 keep us united in your love,
 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 - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

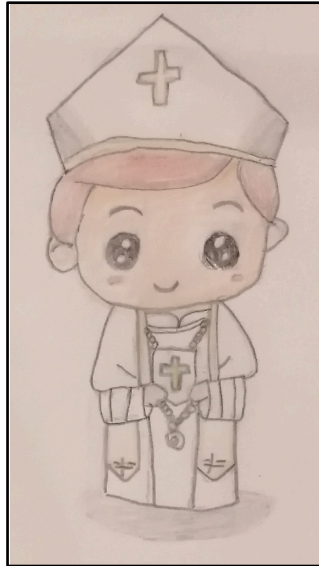
National Anthem - O Canada

Dismissal

Liturgical Assistant
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Words of dismissal
Thanks be to God.

There is a brief musical postlude for those who wish to stay.



Drawing by Taranom Emamifard

Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

Faithful Friends

Activity Page for Any Age

Stained Glass Windows

Just like many other churches, St. John's Church has beautiful stained glass windows. Some of them are almost 100 years old. They show different scenes from the Bible Stories we tell in church. Looking at those windows now:

How many different scenes can you count? _____

How many characters in the windows are wearing blue? _____

Music

What is the name of the person playing the piano? _____

Which hymn (song) in today's service did you like best?

Standing or Sitting or Kneeling: Sitting

During a service of worship, we often stand, sit, or kneel, depending on what we are doing in the service. In general we sit when we are listening to others, and during the psalm. We can also stand or sit or kneel during the Prayers of the People.

How many times did you sit down in today's service? _____

Draw a Picture

Happy Canada Day! Draw a Canadian Flag.