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# **St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church**

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***August 17, 2025***

***10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist***

***Tenth Sunday After Pentecost***

***Book of Common Prayer Service***

*Celebrant: The Reverend Gary Hamblin*

## ***St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church***

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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**

This liturgy (the words we say in the service) comes from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and is the traditional Anglican liturgy. We have one BCP service each month at St. John's.

As we proceed through the service, this bulletin will help you recognize when to stand and when to sit, when to speak and when to sing, when to pray silently and when to pray aloud. We invite you to read aloud with us anytime the bulletin says **People**.

## 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:	The Reverend Gary Hamblin
Liturgical Assistant / Preacher:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martynioug
Readers:	Bob Hardy, Ann Burch
Intercessor:	Donna Lawrence
Eucharistic Administrators:	Bob Hardy, Farid Madisa

*The Welcome Table is not staffed over the summer.*

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

The flowers were offered by Anne Dunne, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dear husband, Norman, on their 40th wedding anniversary. Norman passed away August 17, 2020.

*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](http://www.stjohnnv.ca), or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



## Prelude & Announcements

*Three bells are rung.*

## ***Processional Hymn - When Morning Gilds the Skies***

*We stand for the processional hymn, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.*

## ***Territorial Acknowledgement***

Priest      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.

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

## ***The Gathering of the Community***

Priest      The Lord be with you;

**People      And with thy spirit.  
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest      Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel,  
The Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,

Priest                      and with all thy strength.  
                                  This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it:  
 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
 On these two commandments hang  
 all the Law and the Prophets.

**People (sung)      Lord, have mercy upon us,  
                              and write both these thy laws in our hearts,  
                              we beseech thee.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### ***The Collect***

Priest                      Almighty God:

**People                    you have broken the tyranny of sin  
                               and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.  
                               Give us grace to dedicate our freedom  
                               to your service,  
                               that all people may know the glorious liberty  
                               of the children of God;  
                               through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
                               who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
                               one God, now and for ever.  
                               Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# ***The Proclamation of the Word***

**The First Reading:** Read by Bob Hardy.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Isaiah 5:1-7

Reader      The word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

## ***Psalm 80***

*Please remain seated as we say the Psalm together.*

Liturgical      Behold and tend this vine;  
Assistant      preserve what your right hand has planted.

**People      Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

**People**      **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.  
You prepared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.**

**The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea  
and its branches to the River.**

**Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.  
They burn it with fire like rubbish;  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

Liturgical  
Assistant      **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:**

**People**      **As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Second Reading:** Read by Ann Burch.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Reader      The word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**



# Gradual Hymn - God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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.

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## 546 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way his  
 2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of  
 3 Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the  
 4 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but

won - ders to per - form; he plants his foot - steps  
 nev - er - fail - ing skill he trea - sures up his  
 clouds ye so much dread are big with mer - cy,  
 trust him for his grace; be - hind a frown - ing

in the sea and rides up - on the storm.  
 bright de - signs and works his sov - ereign will.  
 and shall break in bless - ings on your head.  
 prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800).  
 Music: Melody Scottish Psalter, 1635, alt.; harm. John Playford (1623-1686).

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*Three bells will be rung before the Gospel is read. 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.*

*Three bells are rung*

## **The Gospel - Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Liturgical Assistant      The Lord be with you.

**People**                      **And with thy spirit.**

Liturgical Assistant      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke.

**People**                      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Luke 12:49-56

Liturgical Assistant      The Gospel of Christ.

**People**                      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

The Reverend Gary Hamblin

### *Time for Reflection*

#### **Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able as we say the creed together.*

Priest I believe in one God,

**People The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God, of God; Light, of Light;  
Very God, of very God;  
Begotten, not made;  
Being of one substance with the Father;**

**Through whom all things were made:  
Who for us humans and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.**

**And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**People**      **And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord, The Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
and the Life of the world to come. Amen.**



### ***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 Shane Parker, 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 Thomas, Chilliwack – The Reverend Lorie Martin; The Diocesan Alongside Hope Unit – The Reverend Joe Dirbas, Chair. 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: Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land**

*O God of all justice and peace,  
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma  
of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.  
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering  
we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians  
and for all people of the land.  
While we pray to you, O Lord,  
for an end of violence and the establishment of peace,  
we also call to you to bring justice and equality to the peoples.  
Guide us into your kingdom where all people  
Are treated with dignity and honour as your children –  
for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

*-Archbishop Hosam March 2024*

**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.

**The Dearly Departed:** We pray for all who have passed on from this life and live forever in our hearts. We remember Anne's husband, Norman Dunne, on the fifth anniversary of his passing.

**In Thanksgiving:** In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Dan and Arlene Birch, John Blaney, Patrick Blaney and Christopher You, Ann Bodwell, Maria Bolbat, and their families.

## ***The Confession***

Priest      Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,  
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,  
and intend to lead the new life,  
following the commandments of God,  
and walking from henceforth in holy ways:  
Draw near with faith,  
and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort;  
and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**People      Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Maker of all things, Judge of all people:  
We acknowledge and confess  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
Which we from time to time  
most grievously have committed,  
By thought, word, and deed,  
Against thy Divine Majesty.  
We do earnestly repent,  
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may ever hereafter serve  
and please thee in newness of life,  
To the honour and glory of thy Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest      Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy  
hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty  
repentance and true faith turn unto him:  
have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ***Sharing of The Peace***

*Please stand as you are able.*

Priest        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People       And with thy spirit.**

*The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord. Most people 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 - You Are Salt for the Earth***

# ***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***

<b>People</b> (sung)	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b> <b>Praise Him, all creatures here below;</b> <b>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:</b> <b>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</b>
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## ***The Prayer Over the Gifts***

Priest <b>People</b>	Loving God and Father, <b>you have adopted us to be your heirs.</b> <b>Accept all we offer you this day</b> <b>and give us grace to live as faithful children.</b> <b>We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.</b> <b>Amen.</b>
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*Please remain standing as you are able.*



## ***Eucharistic Prayer (BCP)***

Priest                    The Lord be with you;  
**People                And with thy spirit.**

Priest                    Lift up your hearts;  
**People                We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest                    Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
**People                It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest                    It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,  
                               that we should at all times, and in all places,  
                               give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
                               Almighty, Everlasting God,  
                               Creator and Preserver of all things.  
                               Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
                               according to whose most true promise  
                               thou dost pour forth thy Spirit upon us,  
                               filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth:  
                               who dost give us power to proclaim  
                               the gospel to all nations  
                               and to serve thee as a royal priesthood.

                              Therefore with Angels and Archangels,  
                               and with all the company of heaven,  
                               we laud and magnify thy glorious name;  
                               evermore praising thee and saying:

**People (sung)        Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
                               Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
                               Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
                               Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:  
                               Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest                    Blessing and glory and thanksgiving  
                               be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
                               who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son  
                               Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him,

Priest                    and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption;  
                               who made there,  
                               by his one oblation of himself once offered,  
                               a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation,  
                               and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world;  
                               and did institute,  
                               and in his holy Gospel command us to continue,  
                               a perpetual memorial of that his precious death,  
                               until his coming again.

*(sanctus bells are rung)*

Priest                    Hear us, O merciful Father,  
                               we most humbly beseech thee;  
                               and grant that we receiving these thy creatures  
                               of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour  
                               Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
                               in remembrance of his death and passion,  
                               may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;  
                               who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
                               took Bread; and, when he had given thanks,  
                               he broke it;  
                               and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
                               "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you:  
                               Do this in remembrance of me."

*(sanctus bells are rung)*

Priest                    Likewise after supper he took the Cup;  
                               and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,  
                               saying, "Drink ye all, of this;  
                               for this is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
                               which is shed for you and for many  
                               for the remission of sins:  
                               Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,  
                               in remembrance of me."

*(sanctus bells are rung)*

Priest

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church,  
remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son,  
his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
do make before thee,  
in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Cup of everlasting salvation,  
the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness  
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving,  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,  
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all thy whole Church  
may obtain remission of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit,  
all we who are partakers of this holy Communion  
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly  
benediction;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom and with whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

**People** (sung)

**O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**People**                    **O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

### ***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.**

*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**
- We Are Pilgrims**
- We Gather Here**

*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.*

## ***Priest Takes Communion***

*After the congregation has been served, the priest takes Communion at the altar, saying the following.*

Priest:       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.

**People       Amen.**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

Priest      And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us,  
we are bold to say:

People      **Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

## ***The Blessing***

*Three bells are rung*

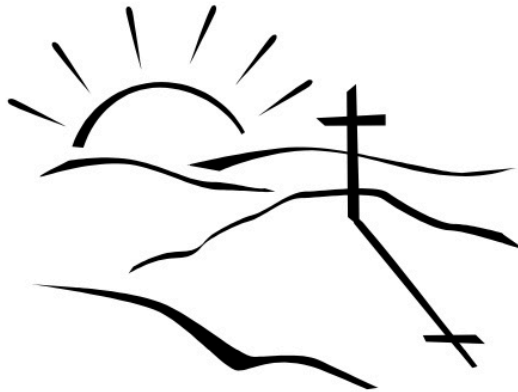
## ***Recessional Hymn - Nearer, My God, To Thee***

## ***Dismissal***

Liturgical Assistant  
**People**

Words of dismissal  
**Thanks be to God.**

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



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

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## **The Labyrinth at St. John's**

Have you ever noticed the Labyrinth drawn on the concrete just outside the church office. The Labyrinth is like a maze, and you enter it and follow its path back and forth, around and around, until you reach the middle. While you walk in, and while you walk out, you pray. Have you ever walked the Labyrinth? How long did it take?

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## **Music**

Which hymn (song) did you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **The Fun Cart**

We now have a Fun Cart at the back of the church, with many books, toys, and fidget toys. There are pieces of fabric with a marble inside, and you can push the marble through a maze. Say a prayer while you push a marble through its maze, praying until you get from one end to the other.

Which is your favourite Fun Cart toy? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Draw a Picture**

In today's first reading, Isaiah talked about grapes growing on the vine in a well-kept vineyard. Draw what that would look like.