



Welcome to a Community of Compassion and Hope

The Anglican Church of St. John the Baptist
Cobble Hill, British Columbia, Canada

Nourish your Mind...Nurture your Spirit

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 2025

**Morning Prayer and Commissioning of
Our Lay Candidates for the
Lay Leadership Team and Lay Eucharistic Ministries Team
of St John the Baptist, Cobble Hill**



Fire at Night

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Officiant: Laura Dey

Announcements Warden on Call

Land Acknowledgement: Laura Dey

The people of St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Malahat Nation, and Cowichan peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship, and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Processional Hymn All Are welcome (see additional printout)

The Gathering of the Community

The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found,
call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked
forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thought;
and let them return to the Lord, and he will have
compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6,7

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship
almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his
infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept

Morning Prayer

Call to worship

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen

Alleluia!

O Come, Let us Worship

Most merciful God,

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.**

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. **Amen.**

Commissioning of Candidates

Rev. Deborah:

This morning, we will officially commission two important teams significant to our parish life: The Lay Leadership Team and the Lay Eucharistic Team. These two teams believe they have been called from this body of parishioners. The members of both teams are well trained and sanctioned by Bishop Anna. You have seen our Lay Leadership Team working hard to develop and support our Worship Life in the parish by the worship services offered monthly. Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers are trained and well prepared to take the Body of Christ to those parishioners who are unable to attend on a Sunday Morning, whether at home or in hospital. Their job is to pray with and for them, listen, encourage, support, and offer the Eucharist using the reserve Sacraments.

As the community of The Anglican Parish of St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill, we believe that those serving our Parish and Community in these two ministries have been called to this ministry by the Holy Spirit and this congregation.

Ephesians 4 says, “And God gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ...”.

This morning, we are taking one more step in the building up of the body of Christ. It is our privilege today to affirm and commission you, Meghann Pulkkinen as Pastoral Care Team Leader and Lay Eucharistic Minister; team members Laura Dey, Barbara Bennet, Adrian Rees, Eileen Mais as Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Martin Buck and Laura Dey as The Lay Leadership Team leading worship services 1 time per each month of the year. As a congregation we recognize God’s gifting and anointing in your lives for this ministry.

I invite those being commissioned to respond to the following questions with:

Yes, by the grace of God.

Meghann, Laura, Barb, Eileen, Adrian, and Martin:

Do you believe that the Lord has led and empowered you to serve in these ministries?

(Response by the Candidates; yes, by the grace of God)

Do you commit to serving faithfully under the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

(Response by the Candidates; yes, by the grace of God)

Are you committed to serving the congregation in your tasks in harmony with our vision and mission for this parish?

(Response by the Candidates; yes, by the grace of God)

Are you committed to a life of prayer that will support you in this calling?

(Response by the Candidates; yes, by the grace of God)

Will you seek to hear God's intention for our parish of St. John, Cobble Hill and to do God's will?

(Response by the Candidates; yes, by the grace of God)

I invite the congregation to respond to the following questions with: Yes, by the grace of God.

(Response by the congregation; yes, by the grace of God)

Do you recognize that the ministries identified as the Lay Leadership Team and the Lay Eucharistic Team of this parish are to work on behalf of this congregation to provide lay worship leadership and lay Eucharistic ministry to support the life of the church and its people?

(Response by the congregation; yes, by the grace of God)

Do you believe that the Holy Spirit has called these people to this ministry?

(Response by the congregation; yes, by the grace of God)

Will you assure them of your warm cooperation and support in this calling?

(Response by the congregation; yes, by the grace of God)

Will you sincerely pray for them?

(Response by the congregation; yes, by the grace of God)

Will you, with them, uphold the vision and mission of this parish as we move forward to continue to build up the body of Christ?

(Response by the congregation; yes, by the grace of God)

Meghann, Laura, Barb, Eileen, Adrian, and Martin: I ask that God will bless you in your ministry and that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct you in this most important work.

CONGREGATION: We pledge our continued support and prayer for our Lay Leadership and Lay Eucharistic ministry teams as well as our work together. May our gracious Lord grant our Candidates unity and peace as they work towards the fulfilling of the body of Christ.

ALL: In our work together may the Lord be honoured. May the Church of Jesus Christ be built up as we faithfully follow him into the future He has for us. May the Lord give us all His grace and strength. Amen

Hymn: Great is Their Faithfulness additional print out

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of you 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, on God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Invitatory

Alleluia! The Son of righteousness has risen: O come, let us worship.

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
Himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanks giving; go into his courts with praise;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanks giving; go into his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
And his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm: 80:1-2, 8-19

Cindy Kasten-Hayley

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and
see; have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
**But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and
we will call on your name.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

First Reading

Cindy Kasten-Hayley

Isaiah 5:1-7

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Anthea Jordon

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn 575 Let Streams of Living Justice

Gospel Reading – Martin Buck

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 12. 49-56

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Martin Buck

Young Person's Chat: Laura Dey

Hymn Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions – Eileen Mais

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Blessed Lord let us pray for the Christian churches throughout the world. Help us to see the bigger picture that God has in store for us, not just for our church but for all Anglican churches throughout the world. We cannot see what you see and we cannot understand more than you allow us. Grant us patience, compassion to understand there is a plan, and it will all be revealed to us in time.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Blessed Lord We give thanks for King Charles. We thank you for his faith in you Lord and his love for his family, his people and his call to be our sovereign. Bless and protect King Charles, grant him the gifts of wisdom and discernment as this world faces many challenges.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Blessed Lord hear our prayers for those in high positions, that the dignity of all may be upheld and honoured.

Guide all nations in the ways of peace and justice. Please keep in your prayers Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger where millions of people are displaced from their homes. Help them to overcome their differences and find common ground going forward.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Blessed Lord help us to serve in your church, and community. Help us to remember acts of kindness don't have to be a grand gesture; a kind word or a smile may all be that is required. Help us to focus and establish God first in our lives. When we follow God's path it will be filled with growth, joy and love. We know it won't be easy and may in fact be very hard but in the end it will all be worth it.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Let's bow our heads and think of a person that has made a big impact on our lives, picture them in your mind. Let's say a prayer today for their wonderful gifts and how lucky we are to have them in our lives. Please be with these amazing people Lord and guide them in your grace. We now pray for those that have asked for our prayers Francis & Sanja, Odile, Jean, Verna, Faye, Ruby, Wende, Randy, Bill Peter Joe and Gennah.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Blessed Lord, we see all the beauty you have provided all around us, in the faces of our children, in the stars and sky, in the mountains and landscapes but this week on Vancouver Island a portion of this is at risk. Please be with the people of Port Alberni and the surrounding areas as the threat of evacuation is very real. There are fire fighters, putting their lives at risk today to get the forest fire under control, please be with all the emergency support people, and see it in your grace to keep everyone safe.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Blessed Lord, we give thanks for Rev. Paul's recovery and his readiness to join us in September. We pray for Rev. Deborah; temporary interim and give thanks for her ministry amongst us at this time.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. John's. You have blessed and sustained us through the years. We ask that you continue to give us wisdom, and to lead us and to direct us, in our discernment for a new rector. Raise for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Jesus and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world.

Lord of faith and truth

We bless your holy name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

In your preferred form, sung or mother language, as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say/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.**

Closing Prayer:

As we bring our worship to a close, let us remember.

**Lord you are
Grace for our needs
Strength for our weakness
Light for our blindness
Love for our loneliness
Word for our deafness
Joy for our weariness
Peace for our anxiousness
Wonder for our dullness
Saviour for our hopelessness
Lord you are. Amen.**

Grace for our needs. By David Adam

Hymn 418 Draw the Circle Wide

Dismissal

Closing Prayer

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and for-ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve in the name of the Lord,
AMEN.

Thanks be to God. **Alleluia.**

Thank you for joining us today!



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
those outside however, are given to us by the Glory of God.



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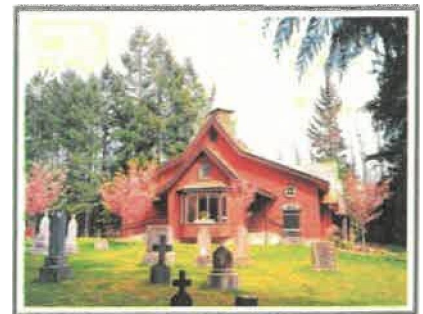
Sunday Service: 10:00 am

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Anglican Church of St. John the Baptist is to be a Christian community; committed to worshipping God; growing in faith and fellowship; and reaching out with God's love to all.

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or you can call the office at 250-743-3095 and speak to Meghann head of the pastoral care team for St. Johns
Your request will remain confidential

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Servants Song

By
Richard Gillard

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night-time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in Heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've know together
Of Christ's love and agony

