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

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***October 12, 2025***

***Harvest Thanksgiving***

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

*Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris*

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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) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, and is the common, contemporary Anglican liturgy.

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 **All**.

## 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 Georgina Harris
Liturgical Assistant:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Musicians:	Margaret Thompson, John Thompson - violins
Readers:	Kevin Benoy, Cathy Dallimore
Intercessor:	Tracey MacLennan
Eucharistic Administrators:	Linda Harrison, Tracey MacLennan
Welcome Table:	Donna Lawrence

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



## Prelude & Announcements

## ***Processional Hymn - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

*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.**

## ***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** **in our baptism you adopted us for your own.  
Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,  
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,  
may worship you in sincerity and truth;  
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 Kevin Benoy.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

“When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

**All    Thanks be to God.**

## ***Psalm 100***

Please remain seated as we say the Psalm together.

Liturgical

Assistant    Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All            Serve the Lord with gladness;  
                 come into his presence with singing.**

**Know that the Lord is God.  
                 It is he who made us, and we are his;  
                 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
                 and his courts with praise.  
                 Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
                 his steadfast love endures forever  
                 and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Liturgical

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

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

***The Second Reading:*** Read by Cathy Dallimore.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

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***Gradual Hymn - Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness***

*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 - Harvest Thanksgiving***

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 found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:25-35

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 Georgina Harris

### ***Time for Reflection***

*Please stand as you are able.*

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All 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.**

## ***Prayers of the People - O Lord, Hear My 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, and for Gary our guest celebrant today. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For St. Laurence, Coquitlam - The Reverend Philip Cochrane, The Reverend Patricia Ratcliffe; The Deanery of Yale – The Reverend Paul Bowie, Regional Dean. 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, Celia, Patrick, Simon Drake.

**The Dearly Departed:** We pray for Yvonne Michael and her daughter Lynne as they mourn the passing of Yvonne's son, Craig Michael. 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: Anne Kean, Hedley Kitchen, Pat Koonts, Donna Lawrence, Carol LeClair, Tracey MacLennan and Annelise Weddigen, 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 prayerful 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.
<b>All</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>

*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 - 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 God of constant love,

**All In this eucharist you renew the covenant  
made once with us in baptism.  
As you are faithful in all things  
may we, in our offering,  
be faithful to our calling.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## ***The Great Thanksgiving /Eucharistic Prayer 3 (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            Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the glorious resurrection of  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the true paschal lamb  
who has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us eternal life.  
Therefore, joining our voices with  
the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
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.**

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of isolation into community,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All**

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**



Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are 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            Creator of all,  
                               you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
                               whose many grains we have gathered  
                               and made into this one bread.

**All                        So may your Church be gathered**  
**from the ends of the earth**  
**into your kingdom.**

## ***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***

- **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**
- **Choir Anthem**  
     **Pachelbel's Canon of Peace**  
     *Johann Pachelbel*
- **I Am The Bread, The Bread of Life**

*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    Faithful God,

**All                    In baptism and eucharist we are made one with you.  
                          May we who have shared in holy things  
                          always bear witness to your covenant,  
                          in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***The Thanksgiving Box***

*(Deferred from last week, as it was a Contemplative Service.) On the first Sunday of the month we invite everyone who wants to give thanks for particular blessings in their lives (birthdays, anniversaries, new job, etc.) to come forward and share their story with the congregation. All donations placed in the Thanksgiving Box will go to the minister's discretionary fund.*

Celebrant    Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Everyone returns to their pews.*

## ***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 - We Praise You, O God***

## ***Dismissal***

Liturgical Assistant  
**All**

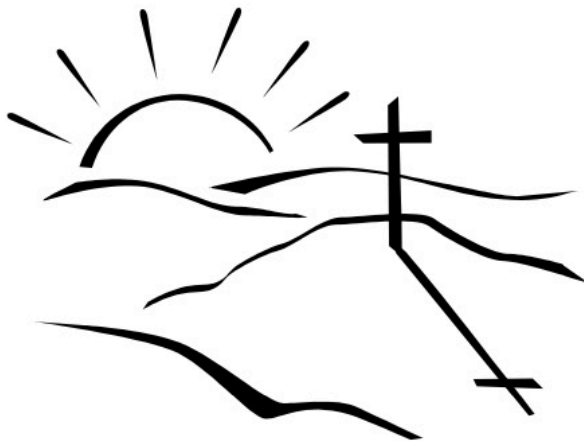
Words of dismissal  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Glad Praises We Sing**

*Words by Julia C. Cory (1882-1963)*

*Tune: Ash Grove, Welsh Folk Melody*



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*

## Thankful List

Write down three small things (not big ones!) you are thankful for today.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Food Fun

If you could invent a brand-new Thanksgiving dish, what would it be?

What would you call it? \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Hunt

How many words can you make from the letters in the word:

**T H A N K S G I V I N G**

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Draw a Picture

Draw your favourite part of Thanksgiving—maybe a meal, a family gathering, or the colourful autumn leaves.