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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Book of Common Prayer Service

Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris

Preacher: Jill Parsons, Chaplain

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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 Georgina Harris
Liturgical Assistant / Preacher:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk
Readers:	Howard Dallimore, Janet Harris
Intercessor:	Alison Brookfield
Eucharistic Administrators:	Christine Williams, Alison Brookfield
Welcome Table:	Kingsley Agyeman

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.



Prelude & Announcements

Three bells are rung.

Processional Hymn - We, the Lord's People

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,
 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 **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
 (sung) **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 created the heavens and the earth,
 and ourselves in your image.
 Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive 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 Howard Dallimore.

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 79:1-9

Please remain seated as we say the Psalm together.

Liturgical Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name.
Assistant

**People O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
They have given the bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful ones
to the beasts of the field.
They have shed their blood
like water on every side of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.**

People **We have become a reproach to our neighbours,
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
How long will you be angry, O Lord?
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
Pour out your wrath upon the heathen
who have not known you and upon
the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**

**For they have devoured Jacob
and made his dwelling a ruin.
Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us;
for we have been brought very low.**

**Help us, O God our Saviour,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins,
for your name's sake.**

Liturgical Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
Assistant 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 Janet Harris.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Blest Are the Pure in Heart

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.

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 - Fifteenth 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.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Luke 16:1-13

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

Jill Parsons, Chaplain

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;**



People **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.
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. James, Vancouver - The Reverend Amanda Ruston, The Reverend Matthew Johnson, The Reverend Joyce Loch; Hospital Chaplains – Ms. Rejoice Anthony. 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:

Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation, observed from September 1 to October 4 every year. As the Season of Creation continues, please continue to pray for the environment and the creatures that share this planet with us.

Holy One,
You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth.
We pray for your world,
that we may share and conserve its resources,
and live in reverence for creation
and in harmony with one another. Amen

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.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Via and Paolo Fearnley, Zinaida Fedulova, Gordon Gadd, Chris Gilbert, Polly Gomez, Jim and Alexandra Graham, 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 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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

People (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.
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The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest People	God of Power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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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**
- **Here is Bread**
- **Let All Creation Bless the Lord**

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

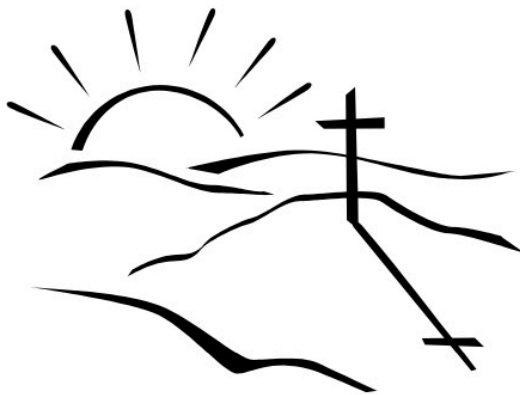
Recessional Hymn - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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

Activity Page for Any Age

God's Autumn Garden Activity Page

The leaves are turning colours and falling to the ground. If you could thank God for one thing about autumn, what would it be? _____

Music

Which hymn or song today reminded you most of autumn or harvest?

Word Play – Autumn Scramble

Unscramble these letters to form words or phrases about autumn and church:

SEAVLE _____

HREVSAT _____

TNTEMSTSAE _____

CCURHH _____

Draw a Picture

Draw your favourite thing about autumn—maybe a pumpkin, colourful leaves, or a cozy family meal.