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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Service

Please maintain silence in the sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

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

Our Contemplative Service is slightly different than other Sundays, as we spend more time in quiet contemplation and prayerful reflection. Embrace the quiet moments. 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/Preacher:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Leeann Price, Farid Madisa
Intercessor:	The Choir
Eucharistic Administrators:	Christine Williams, Farid Madisa
Welcome Table:	Christie Smith

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 - God Welcomes All

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

The Grace

Celebrant We gather in the name of God,
**All Creator of the universe,
 source of true humanity,
 mother and father of all. Amen.**

Celebrant We gather in the name of Jesus,
**All Word made flesh,
 saviour of wounded humanity,
 lover of all. Amen.**

Celebrant We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit,
**All Lord and giver of life,
 midwife of our new humanity,
 inspirer of us all. Amen.**

Celebrant Come then, Eternal God:
**All Be present here. Befriend us here.
 Renew us here.**

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 **you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
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 Leeann Price.

A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Lamentations 1:1-6

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137 - By the Babylonian Rivers

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

The Second Reading: Read by Farid Madisa.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Out of the Depths

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 — Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Three bells are rung

Liturgical Assistant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Luke 17:5-10

Liturgical Assistant The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

Sermon

Jill Parsons, Chaplain

Time for Reflection

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant : Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,

All **You, O God, are supreme and holy.
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
 You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed and proved
 your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 who lived and died and rose again.
 You are with us now.
 You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
 You are our God. We worship you. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People will be sung by the choir. All are welcome to sing the refrain, "God of mercy, hold us in love."

You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you for the prayers of the people.

The Church: We pray for Archbishop John Stephens our Metropolitan, and Archbishop Anne Germond, Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Priest, and for Georgina, our Celebrant today. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For St. Oswald, Port Kells – The Reverend Tim Morgan; The Archdeaconry of Fraser - The Venerable Luisito Engnan, Regional Archdeacon. 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: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

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 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: Pam Hope, Junie Howie, Tom and Cathrine Hoy, Rosamond Hughes, Carolyn Iker, Diane and Warren Johnson, 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.
All **And also with you.**

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

The Offertory

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

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

Offertory Hymn - Just As the Deer

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 truth,
**All receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants,
strong to follow in the pattern
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant This is the table of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 It is to be made ready
 for those who love him
 and who want to love him more.
 So come,

**All we who have much faith
 and we who have little,
 we who have been here often
 and we who have not been for a long time,
 we who have tried to follow
 and we who have failed.**

Celebrant Come. This is our Lord's invitation.

**All It is his will that those who seek him
 should meet him here.**

**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 Now let us hear the story
 of how this sacrament began:
 On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,
 he sat at supper with his disciples.
 While they were eating,
 he took a piece of bread, said a blessing,
 broke it and gave it to them with the words,
 "This is my body. It is broken for love of you.
 Do this to remember me".

Celebrant

Later he took a cup of wine, saying:
 "This cup is God's new covenant,
 sealed with my love and my life blood.
 Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

All **So now, following Jesus' example and command,
 we take this bread and this wine,
 the ordinary things of the world
 which Christ will make special.
 And as he said a prayer before sharing,
 let us do so too.**

Celebrant

And now, lest we believe
 that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,
 we fall silent and remember him who came because
 words weren't enough.

(Silent reflection)

Celebrant

Setting our wisdom, our will, and our words aside,

All **emptying our hearts,
 and bringing nothing in our hands,
 we yearn for the healing, the holding, the
 accepting, the forgiving, which Christ alone can
 offer.**

(Silent reflection)

Celebrant

Merciful God, send now,
 in your abounding kindness and generosity,
 your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine
 and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

All **May that same Spirit rest on us,
 converting us from the patterns of this passing
 world, until we conform to the shape of him
 whose food we now share. Amen.**

(Silent Reflection)

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

As our Sa-viour Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your Name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.
 For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
 Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
 now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant	We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
All	We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant	The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
All	Thanks be to God.

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

Communion Hymns

- This Is The Body of Christ**
- You Are Before Me, Lord**
- Silent, Surrendered**

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

Celebrant Almighty God,
**All may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist
 remain in your steadfast love,
 and show in our lives
 the saving mystery that we celebrate.
 This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
 Amen.**

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
**All Whose power, working in us,
 can do infinitely more
 than we can ask or imagine.
 Glory to God from generation to generation,
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Three bells are rung

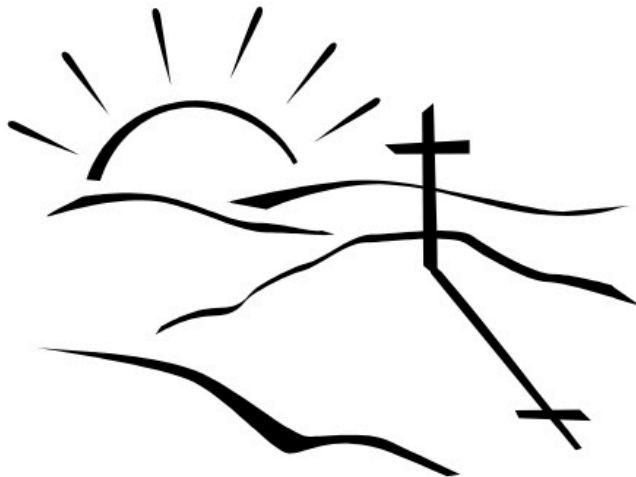
***Recessional Hymn* - May the Love of the Lord**

Dismissal

Liturgical Assistant
People

Words of Dismissal.
Thanks be to God.

No Postlude. Please end the contemplative service by leaving the sanctuary in silence.



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

Contemplative Service Activity Page

In our Contemplative Service we listen for God in the stillness. If you could share one prayer word to hold in your heart, what would it be?

Music

Which chant, hymn, or quiet piece of music today helped you feel calm and close to God?

Word Play – Quiet Scramble

Unscramble these letters to form words or phrases about contemplation:

CNILESE _____

LEBL _____

RYEPAR _____

ECAEP _____

Draw a Picture

Draw a candle, a window with light shining through, or something that makes you feel peaceful.