



St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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November 16, 2025 10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost Book of Common Prayer Service

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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 Christine Rowe

Liturgical Assistant / Preacher: Jill Parsons, Chaplain

Crucifer and Altar Server: Hazel Breakey
Choir Director: Christie Smith
Galina Martvniouk

Readers: Howard Dallimore, Janet Harris

Intercessor: Alison Brookfield

Eucharistic Administrators: Alison Brookfield, Christine Williams

Welcome Table: Leeann Price Greeter: Alison Brookfield

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 - 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,

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 sent your Son Jesus Christ

to be the light of the world.

Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,

and bring us to eternal light and joy;

through the power of him

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 Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Please remain seated as we say the Psalm together.

Liturgical

Assistant You shall draw water with rejoicing.

People

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Canticle 3, BAS (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Liturgical

Assistant Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

People As it was in the beginning,

is now and will be forever. Amen

The Second Reading: Read by Janet Harris.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Lord of the Years

Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first three 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

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.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify.

So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to

death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Luke 21:5-19

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 Christine Rowe

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.

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 - 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 the Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-designate of Canterbury. 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 our Celebrant today, the Reverend Christine Rowe. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For Salal & Cedar Watershed Discipleship Ministry – The Reverend Laurel Dykstra; The Legal Officers of the Diocese - George Cadman, K.C., AAM, ODNW, Chancellor; Kevin Smith, ODNW, Vice-Chancellor; Donald Paul, ODNW, Registrar; Jennifer Dezell, ODNW, Legal Assessor. 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: Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace,
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Occasional Prayer 28. FOR PEACE OF THE WORLD, BCP 2019)

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, Kelly Blake, Patrick, Simon Drake, Dianne McLatchie

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: Allison Sapiecha, Pam and Ken Seely, Lynne Shozawa, Christie Smith, Elieen and John Spender, Doreen Stringer, 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:

Priest 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 - Tell Out, My Soul

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.

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest Holy God,

People in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.

Help us, through our offering this day,

to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer (BCP)

The Lord be with you; Priest People

And with thy spirit.

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

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, 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,

(sanctus bells are rung)

until his coming again.

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.

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. Glutenfree 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
- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- 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

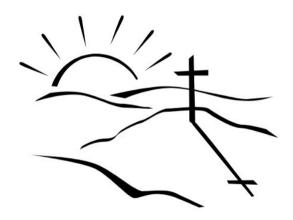
Three bells are rung

Recessional Hymn - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Dismissal

Liturgical Assistant Words of dismissal **People 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.

A Message from the Parish Treasurer

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

Each Sunday, I am reminded of how grateful I am for the people of this faith community. Over the past year, we have welcomed newcomers and I am thankful that you have chosen St. John's as your new spiritual home. We also have a growing number of livestream viewers and this service has expanded our ministry into many homes. It takes a team of people working together to grow a church and I would like to thank all those who contribute so much of their time and talents to St. John's.

As the parish treasurer, I would like to briefly update you on St. John's finances. I am pleased to report that once again our spending and most of our income are on target for this year as projected in our annual budget. One of the highlights is the impressive \$16,400 raised for Lookout's North Shore Shelter through our Long, Long Night of Hope campaign. However, an area that concerns me greatly is that our donations are down by 18% from our budget. There may be many reasons for this as inflation has increased the cost of living for everyone. St. John's is no exception in facing rising costs and we rely on donations to pay for our expenses.

In this last quarter of the year, I would ask that you prayerfully review where you are in your annual financial commitment to St. John's. To bring your donations up to date, please drop off a cheque at the Church office or bring your donation to the in-person services. I also ask that you begin to consider your financial commitment for 2026 or become a regular donor. If you are new to St. John's please contact me or Bev Provost, our Donor Administrator, as to how you can contribute regularly and be an important part of supporting our ongoing ministry. As always, I thank everyone for your faithful offerings of time, talent and treasure to St. John's.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of the ChurchWardens. I thank you for taking the time to read this and for your prayerful considerations.

Sincerely yours, Bob Hardy, Treasurer

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Faithful Friends

Activity Page for Any Age

The Chapel at St. John's

Have you ever noticed the little chapel area on the southwest side of the sanctuary. In the chapel we light a candle for those we love and those we are worried about. Who will you light a candle for?

Music	
What was your fa	vourite hymn today?
Word Fun	
How many words	can you create from letters in the word:
CHRISTIA	IITY

God's Art Wall

The rain washed away most of our chalk drawings of love and hope on God's Art Wall outside. When the sun is out again, what would you like us to write on God's Art Wall?

Example: Let Peace Begin With Me