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# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

*Doing God's Love Since 1899*

*March 1, 2026*

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist*

*Long, Long Night of Hope 10th Anniversary*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris*

*Sermon: Donna Lawrence, Alison Brookfield, Owen Hynes*

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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.

### **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.

The Collects/Confession throughout Lent are from: **Feasting on the Word** ©

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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
Preaching:	Donna Lawrence, Alison Brookfield
Guest:	Owen Hynes, Lookout Society
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Cathy Dallimore, Howard Dallimore
Intercessor:	Alison Brookfield
Eucharistic Administrators:	Farid Madisad, Alison Brookfield
Welcome Table:	Alison Brookfield
Greeter:	Jean Welsh

## 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.



## Flowers in the Sanctuary - *There are no flowers on the altar during Lent*

*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.*

**We welcome our friends from the Lookout Housing and Health Society of North Vancouver as they help us celebrate 10 years of the Long, Long Night of Hope!**

## ***Prelude & Announcements***

## ***Processional Hymn - As I Went Down in the River to Pray***

*We stand to sing Processional Hymn, as the 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.**

## ***Kyrie Eleison***

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## ***The Collect***

Celebrant Lord God,

**All Great I Am,  
you are living water.  
As we worship you this day  
show us who we are:  
channels of your love  
and vessels of your grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## ***The Proclamation of the Word***

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

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Genesis 12:1-4A

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

**All    Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 121A - To the Hills I Lift My Eyes***

*Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.*

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

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

**All Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gradual Hymn - Wind Upon the Waters***

*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 reader as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary.*

## ***The Gospel***

Reader                    The Lord be with you.

**All                        And also with you.**

Reader                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:1-17

*Reader*                    The Gospel of Christ.

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the remainder of the Gradual hymn facing the altar.*

**Sermon**                Donna Lawrence, Alison Brookfield, and  
guest Owen Hynes from the Lookout Society

### ***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 the Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop 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 Rector, for Shawn our Deacon-in-charge and Curate, and for Georgina our Associate Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For The Archdeaconry of Westminster; St. Agnes, North Vancouver - Archdeacon Stephen Muir; The Diocese of British Columbia - Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee. 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:** God of all,  
 We remember all those who are experiencing homelessness or who are unable to find affordable housing. Grant that each person will have a place to belong, and that all of us will be renewed in our relationships to water, land, home and each other. Sustain us with patience, persistence and commitment for doing our part in showing love for your world. Amen  
*-The Most Rev. Linda Nichols, 2020 National Housing Day*

**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, Kelly Blake, Patrick, Simon Drake, Dianne McLatchie, Jodie, Diane McKendrick, Gary Hamblin, Thea Hogan, Stuart, Irma, Jessica, Paul & Sarah Figgess

**The Dearly Departed:** We pray for Maurice, Jay, and all his family as they mourn the loss of Sheila Howard, and Lesley Woodrow Gibson, who joined us every week online. We pray for all loved ones who will live forever in our hearts

**In Thanksgiving:** In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Hedley Kitchen, Pat Koonts, Donna Lawrence, Carol LeClair, Tracey MacLennan and Annelise Weddigen, and their families.

## ***Confession and Absolution***

Celebrant            In spite of our quarrels and distrust,  
                                  God provides grace to sustain us.  
                                  Trusting in God's abundant mercy,  
                                  let us confess our sin.

*(A prayerful silence is kept)*

Celebrant

Lord,

**All                    You know who we are.  
                                  You know everything we have done.  
                                  We thirst for things that will never last.  
                                  We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water.  
 Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.  
 Forgive us, O Lord,  
 and give us this living water,  
 so that we may never thirst again.  
 Amen.**

Celebrant

Christ the Lord speaks to us  
 words of grace.  
 Our sins are forgiven,  
 washed away and forgotten.

**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 - Make Me A Channel of Your Peace***

# ***The Celebration of the Eucharist***

## ***Preparation of the Gifts***

*The Altar is set and the gifts of bread and wine are prepared 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 is not sung during Lent)*

## ***The Prayer Over the Gifts***

Celebrant    See how the fields are ripe for harvest!  
                  Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life.  
                  With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## ***The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 2 (DoNW)***

Celebrant May God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you,  
 holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.  
 From before time, you made ready the creation.  
 Your Spirit moved over the deep  
 and brought all things into being:  
 sun, moon, and stars;  
 earth, winds, and waters;  
 and every living thing.  
 You made us in your image, male and female,  
 and taught us to walk in your ways.  
 But we rebelled against you and wandered far away;  
 and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
 you would not forget us.  
 Time and again you call us  
 to live in the fullness of your love.  
 And so this day we join with saints and angels  
 in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**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 He who comes  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest,  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

Glory and honour and praise to you,  
holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,  
and gave it to them, and said:  
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Celebrant            Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
 that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
 Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
 and make us your new creation,  
 the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
 with St. John the Evangelist and all your saints,  
 from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
 to feast at the banquet prepared  
 from the foundation of the world.  
 Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 to you be honour, glory and praise,  
 for ever and 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            We break this bread,

**All                    Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant            Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All                    If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

## ***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***

- I Come To You**
- When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides**
- Amazing Grace**

*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 Offers Communion**

*After the congregation has been served, the celebrant offers Communion to those joining online, 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 table is cleared.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant    O Lord, you are our God;

**All            by your grace we reap an abundant harvest.  
As you have fed us by your mercy,  
may it be our daily bread to do your will;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Thanksgiving Box**

*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.*

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***

Celebrant May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
springing up like living water,  
fill your heart, and flow through your life. Amen.

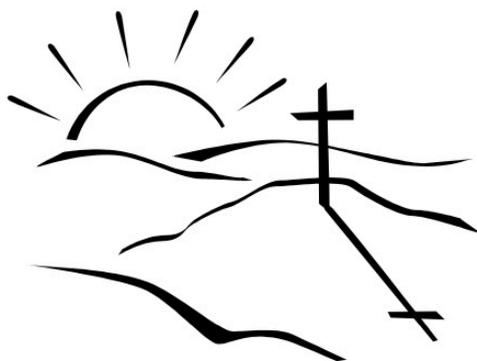
### ***Recessional Hymn - We Are Marching (Siyahamba)***

## ***Dismissal***

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

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

Postlude                        **The Long, Long Night of Hope**  
*Words & Music by Christie Lee Smith*



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.  
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge  
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

## ***Upcoming at St. John's***

Tuesday, March 3 - 7:30-9:00pm

**Anglican 102 - Week 2 - Anglican Monasticism**

Wednesday, March 4 - 11:30am

**Soup and Buns and Conversation**

Sunday, March 8 - 2:00am

**Daylight Saving Time Begins - Clocks Spring Forward**

Tuesday, March 10 - 7:30-9:00pm

**Anglican 102 - Week 3 - Sacraments in the Anglican Tradition**

Saturday, March 14 - 9:00am-12:00pm

**Lenten Quiet Morning for Peace**

Tuesday, March 17 - 7:30-9:00pm

**Anglican 102 - Week 4 - Anglican Mystics**

Tuesday, March 24 - 7:30-9:00pm

**Anglican 102 - Final Week - Anglican Saints**

Sunday, March 29

**Palm Sunday (*Sunday of the Passion*)**

Thursday, April 2 - 5:00pm

**Simple Supper and Maundy Thursday Service**

Friday, April 3 - 11:00am

**Good Friday Service**

Saturday, April 4 - 7:00pm - 7:00am

**Easter Vigil (*sitting vigil from home*)**

Sunday, April 5

**Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

Sunday, May 24

**Memorial Garden Celebration Service**

## What to Give Up - A Lenten Reflection

- Give up complaining —  
focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism —  
become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments —  
think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry —  
trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement —  
be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness —  
turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred —  
return good for evil.
- Give up negativism —  
be positive.
- Give up anger —  
be more patient.
- Give up pettiness —  
become mature.
- Give up gloom —  
enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy —  
pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping —  
control your tongue.
- Give up sin —  
turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up —  
hang in there!

# Faithful Friends

*Activity Page for Any Age*

## Word Play

How many words can you find using the letters in:

**H O M E L E S S N E S S**

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## Music

We sing many hymns, gospel songs and worship songs as part of our services. What was your favourite song today?

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## Prayer Candle

Today we heard about people who are unhoused. We've lit the candle for you. How will you pray for them?



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## Draw a Picture

On Wednesday we will have our Soup & Buns & Conversation time. Draw soup and buns on an empty page. What kind of soup do you like?