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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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10:00 a.m. Contemplative Service

First Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris

Contemplative Meditation Sermon - Alison Brookfield

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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.

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) for today's Contemplative service was written for St. John's by members of our contemplative prayer community. There is focus on meditation and breathing. The service ends without a postlude.

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
Deacon-in-Charge, Curate:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Preacher:	Alison Brookfield
Sub-Deacon:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Christine Williams, Doug MacLeod
Intercessor:	St. John's Choir
Eucharistic Administrators:	Linda Harrison, Christine Williams
Welcome Table:	<i>No Welcome Table during Vestry Meeting</i>
Greeter:	Farid Madisa

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.



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.

Music in the Service

We invite you all to raise your voices in song, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The music and lyrics are printed in the bulletin, so please sing along.

Prelude & Announcements

Three bells are rung

Processional Hymn - Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

We stand to sing the processional hymn together, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Deacon We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Squamish - Mother of the Wind, the Tseil-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.**

The Collect

Celebrant God of wilderness and nighttime,
**All as we devote these forty days to you,
 shape us by your Holy Spirit
 into the image of Christ our Lord,
 so that we may be ready, by your grace,
 to confront the power of death
 with the promise of eternal life. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Christine Williams.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 - How Blest Are They Whose Trespass

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

The Second Reading: Read by Doug MacLeod.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:12-19

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Gradual Hymn - By the Holy Spirit Sent

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. We turn to face the Deacon as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary.

The Gospel

Three bells are rung

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Matthew 4:1-11

Deacon 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.

Contemplative Sermon Alison Brookfield

Time for Reflection

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

The Prayers of the People will be led by the choir. Please join the choir in singing 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.

We invite you to keep all these people, and everyone gathered here today, in your prayers this week.

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 Arch-deaconry of Fraser; St. Catherine, North Vancouver, The Reverend Sarah Lehman; St. John, Shaughnessy - The Reverend Terry Dirbas. 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 of the lost, we pray today for all those who are victims of human trafficking;
people lured from their homes and families;
people deceived while trying to find a better life;
people who are desperate to trust anyone.
Help us to be more vigilant and watchful;
to be aware of those who may need our help,
and those who do not know where help may lie. Amen.*

-Freedom Sunday Prayer

*The Anglican Church of Canada (www.anglican.ca)
for National Human Trafficking Awareness Day February 22*

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, all of Tumbler Ridge, BC.

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: Junie Howie, Tom and Catherine Hoy, Rosamond Hughes, Carolyn Iker, Diane and Warren Johnson, Anne Kean, and their families.

Call to Confession

Celebrant We cannot earn God's grace and favor.
It comes to us, not as something owed,
but as a gift freely given.
Confident in God's love for us,
even when we are ungodly,
we confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession

**All Gracious God, we come before you
In need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely,
But we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
Though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
Preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
Trusting that you have included us by grace
In the family of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

Celebrant Friends, God is for us and not against us!
 For that very reason,
 God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,
 but that the world might be saved through him.
 Believe the Good News,
 in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Sharing of The Peace

Please stand as you are able, and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.

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 - Forty Days and Forty Nights

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The Deacon sets the table and prepares 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 table.

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant In plenty or in want, all that we have is a gift from God.

**All In faith and gratitude,
we return now a portion
of what we have so abundantly received,
as grateful heirs of the promises of God.**

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.

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**
- **Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken**
- **As The Sun With Longer Journey**

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 Deacon clears the table.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Gracious God,

**All we have dedicated to you not only these gifts,
but also ourselves in deep gratitude –
for your call on our lives,
your guidance in the baptismal journey,
and for blessing us
that we may be a blessing to others.
Accept what we bring for your own good purposes.
In Christ we pray. 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

You are free from condemnation, free to question and seek,
knowing God's love surrounds you in both
the dark of night and light of day. Amen

Three bells are rung

Recessional Hymn - Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

We stand and sing the Recessional Hymn together.

Dismissal

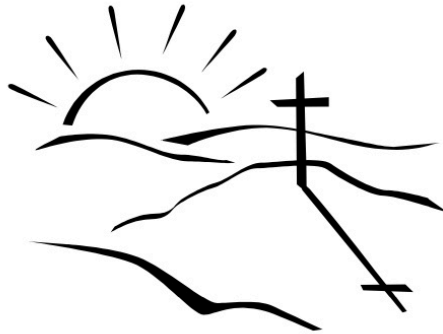
Deacon

Words of Dismissal

All

Thanks be to God.

*There is **no postlude** today.
We leave the sanctuary in contemplative silence.*



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.

Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge,
for **St. John's Annual Vestry Meeting**.

For Zoom the Meeting ID is: 861 1696 8866 Passcode 233085

Coffee, tea and snacks are available.

Printed copies of the vestry report are available for those
who wish to keep a copy.

Upcoming at St. John's

Sunday, February 22 - after 10am service

Annual Vestry Meeting

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

Anglican 102 Begins - Weekly online series

Saturday, February 28

The Long, Long Night of Hope (LLNOH)

Sunday, March 1

Service Celebrating 10-Years of LLNOH

Wednesday, March 4 - 11:30am

Soup and Buns and Conversation

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

Lenten Quiet Morning for Peace

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday (*Sunday of the Passion*)

Wednesday, April 1 - 11:30am

Soup and Buns and Conversation

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