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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Candlemas - Deacon Sunday

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock

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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) 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
Deacon-in-Charge, Curate:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Preaching:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Kevin Benoy, Cathy Dallimore
Intercessor:	Tracey MacLennan
Eucharistic Administrators:	Christine Williams, Farid Madisa
Welcome Table:	Donna Lawrence
Greeter:	Diane Johnson

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.

Prelude & Announcements

Candlemas Liturgy

Our service begins with the Candlemas Liturgy. There will not be a processional hymn.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant 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

Candlemas Liturgy

We stand as the the ministry team enters the Nave.

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Canticle Luke 2:29-32

Candles are lit as the ministry team processes toward the altar.

Celebrant A Light to enlighten the nations,
And the glory of your people Israel.

**All A light to enlighten the nations,
And the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant Lord, you now have set your servant free
To go in peace as you have promised.

**All A Light to enlighten the nations,
And the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant For these eyes of mine have seen the Saviour,
Whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

**All A light to enlighten the nations,
And the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God our Father, source of all light,
today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light
which enlightens the nations.
Fill our hearts with the light of faith,
that we who bear these candles
may walk in the path of goodness
and come to the Light that shines for ever,
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness,
O Lord, in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end;
your right hand is full of justice.**

Deacon Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;
 in the city of our God is his holy hill.
Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
 is the hill of Zion, the very centre of the world
 and the city of the great king.
Let Mount Zion be glad
 and the cities of Judah rejoice,
 because of your judgements.
Make the circuit of Zion;
 walk round about her;
 count the number of her towers.
Consider well her bulwarks;
 examine her strongholds;
 that you may tell those who come after.
This God is our God for ever and ever;
 he shall be our guide for evermore.

Psalm 48:1-2, 10-13

All **We have waited on your loving kindness,
O Lord, in the midst of your temple.**

*Candlemas Liturgy taken from The Book of Occasional Services – 1994
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Glory to God

**All (sung) Glory to God in the highest
And peace to your 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 Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
**All for you have sent us your salvation.
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit
to recognize the one who is the glory of Israel
and the light for all nations,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated and extinguish your candle.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Kevin Benoy.

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-4

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 1-7 - How Loveley Is Thy Dwelling Place

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

The Second Reading: Read by Cathy Dallimore.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:14-18

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All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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 Deacon 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

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She

never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 1:22-40

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the last two verses of the Gradual hymn.

Sermon The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock

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

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 Capilano; Church of the Epiphany, Surrey - The Reverend Liz Ruder-Celiz & The Reverend Alpha John; Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, The Very Reverend Christopher Pappas, The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan, The Reverend Clare Morgan. 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. Amen*

-St. Francis of Assisi

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, Gary Hamblin

The Dearly Departed: We pray for Trevor Hathaway, Anne Dunne's friend who passed away Jan 21. 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: Anne Dunne, Margaret Ellis, Susan Ewing, Via Fearnley, Paolo Fearnley, Zinaida Fedulova, 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 - I Am the Light of the World

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 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 Almighty God,

**All accept the joyful offering of your Church,
and grant that your Son may shine in us
as the light that lightens every nation.
We ask this in the name
of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving / Eucharistic Prayer 3 (DoNW)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 we give you thanks and praise
 for the glorious resurrection of
 your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
 for he is the true paschal lamb
 who has taken away the sin of the world.
 By his death he destroyed death,
 and by his rising to life again
 he has won for us eternal life.
 Therefore, joining our voices with
 the whole company of heaven,
 we sing our joyful hymn of praise
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of isolation into community,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for 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 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

- **Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**
- **Of Eternal Love Begotten**
- **You Are God's Work of Art**

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 table, 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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant God for whom we wait,

**All you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,
 who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah.
 Complete in us your perfect will,
 that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom;
 for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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.

Please stand as you are able.

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

Recessional Hymn - Arise, Your Light Is Come

Dismissal

Deacon

Words of dismissal

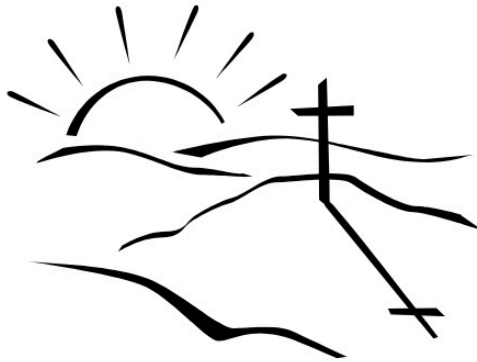
All

Thanks be to God.

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

Choir Postlude Longing for Light

Text & Music: Bernadette Farrell



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