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# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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*May 31, 2026*

*Trinity Sunday*

*10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris*

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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 (1985), 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
Sub-Deacon:	Jill Parsons
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Kevin Benoy, Doug MacLeod
Intercessor:	Tracey MacLennan
Eucharistic Administrators:	Christine Williams, Hazel Breakey
Welcome Table:	Leeann Price
Greeter:	Linda Harrison

## **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**

*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 the office.*

## **Prelude & Announcements & 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**

## ***Processional Hymn - Yours the Hand That Made Creation***

*We stand for the Processional Hymn, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.*

### ***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.**

## ***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 Holy One, whose fingers sculpted sun and moon;

**All Holy Spirit, who brooded over the waters of creation;  
Holy Word, who lives in us;  
may we share in your grace, love and communion,  
so that we may live in your likeness;  
for you live in unity and diversity,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

***The First Reading:*** Read by Kevin Benoy.  
A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,

and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Genesis 1:1-2:4A

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

**All Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 8 - Let All Things Now Living***

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

***The Second Reading:*** Read by Doug MacLeod.

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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***Gradual Hymn - Have Mercy on Us, God Most High***

*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 Sub-Deacon as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary.*

## ***The Gospel***

Sub-Deacon      The Lord be with you.

**All**                    **And also with you.**

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

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

Sub-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.*

## ***Sermon***

The Reverend Georgina Harris

## ***Time for Reflection***

*Please stand as you are able.*

## ***An Affirmation of Faith***

Celebrant We affirm our faith together, saying,

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

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

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

*From A New Zealand Prayer Book*

## ***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 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 Deanery of Yale – The Reverend Matt Koovisk, Regional Dean; St. George, Maple Ridge - The Reverend David Edgerton. 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, 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 tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

*(Church of England, Praying for the Peace of the World)*

**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, Thea Hogan, Irma, Jessica, Paul & Sarah Figgess, Jeff Dahl, Victoria

**The Dearly Departed:** 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: Pam and Ken Seely, Kitty Taylor and Brian Puttock, Alison Brookfield and Steve Friday, Jean Brown, 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 - How Great Thou Art**

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

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

*The table 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 table.*

## ***The Doxology***

**All (sung) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

Celebrant God of all creation,

**All all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
so that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## ***The Great Thanksgiving***

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,  
 because, in the mystery you disclose to us,  
 you reveal your glory  
 as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit:  
 three persons equal in majesty,  
 undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God,  
 ever to be adored in your everlasting glory.

Therefore with all the company of heaven  
 we raise our voices 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 the One 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;

Celebrant

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            "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
                               "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
                               whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
**All                        Taste and see that the Lord is good;**  
**happy are they who trust in 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.*

*If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one.*

*Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.*

## ***Communion Hymns***

- This is the Body of Christ
- Of Eternal Love Begotten
- Here Is The Bread

*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.*

## ***Celebrant 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 God of abundance,

**All with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love  
to the world and continue forever  
in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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 - Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty***

## ***Dismissal***

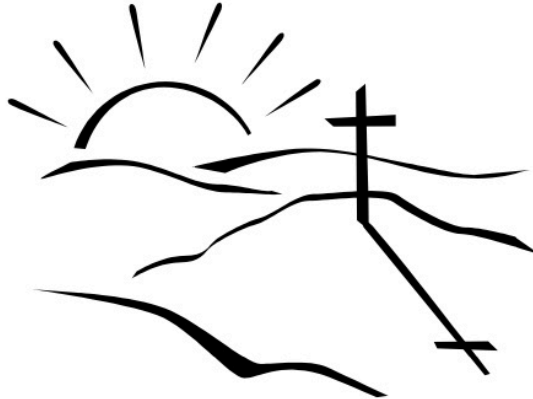
Sub-Deacon

Words of dismissal

**All**

**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.

# Faithful Friends

*Activity Page for Any Age*

## The Bible

Today's first reading from Genesis tells the Creation Story. What do you believe is God's greatest creation?

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## Word Play

Unscramble the letters to find words from today's service:

**R I I N Y T T** \_\_\_\_\_

**Y L H O T S R I I P** \_\_\_\_\_

**N N O O M M C U I** \_\_\_\_\_

**G G B I I E N N N** \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer Candle

It is the season when children and youth from kindergarten, elementary school, high school and post-secondary schools will graduate. We lit the candle for you - say a prayer for those graduating.

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## Draw a Picture

Going back to the Creation Story from Genesis, draw one of the days described there.