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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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May 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. Family BCP Eucharist
Ascension Sunday

Celebrant: The Venerable Kevin Hunt

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.

The Anglican Church

As Anglicans we believe that God is eternal, the earth maker, the pain bearer, the life giver; source of all that is and shall be; father and mother of us all. We learn that God is one, yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - a Holy Trinity.

We believe that Christians learn about God in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and through sharing in the living community of faith. We believe Jesus Christ was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. We are an Apostolic Church, meaning that Bishops are a part of our leadership and we can trace our line of Bishops back to the 12 Apostles.

As Anglicans we get to know God by God's initiative in our thinking and understanding: by experiencing and reflecting on the wonder and mystery of creation, birth and death, love, forgiveness and the need to find meaning and worth beyond ourselves.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's, whether you were raised Anglican, or followed another faith, or you have no faith background at all. We hope you find what you are looking for in our service today.

Our Service Today

This liturgy (the words we say in the service) is adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and is the traditional Anglican liturgy. We have one BCP service each month at St. John's.

As we proceed through the service, this bulletin will help you recognize when to stand and when to sit, when to speak and when to sing, when to pray silently and when to pray aloud. We invite you to read aloud with us anytime the bulletin says **People**.

Chapel Candles

At any time during the service, you are welcome to prayerfully light a candle in the chapel in honour of a loved one, or in a prayer of concern.

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

Celebrant:	The Venerable Kevin Hunt
Deacon-in-Charge, Curate:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Jill Parsons, Bob Hardy
Intercessor:	Alison Brookfield
Eucharistic Administrators:	Christine Williams, Alison Brookfield
Welcome Table:	Christie Smith
Greeter:	Donna Lawrence

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 & Territorial Acknowledgement

Deacon We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Squamish - Mother of the Wind, the Tsleil-Waututh - People of the Inlet, and the Musqueam - People of the River Grass. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

People May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen

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

Processional Hymn - My Life Flows On in Endless Song

The Gathering of the Community

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

People **Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Opening Collect

Priest Almighty God,

People **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel,
 The Lord our God is one Lord;
 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
 and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
 and with all thy strength.
 This is the first and great commandment.
 And the second is like unto it:
 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
 On these two commandments hang
 all the Law and the Prophets.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
 (sung) **and write both these thy laws in our hearts,**
we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray. Risen, ascended Christ,

People fill your church on earth with compassion,
so that all may find forgiveness
and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

We sit to listen to words from Scripture.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Jill Parsons.

A reading from the Book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:1-11

Reader Here ends the lesson.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 - Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

The Second Reading: Read by Bob Hardy.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader Here ends the lesson.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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.

The Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:44-53

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the last part of the Gospel Hymn facing the altar.

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock

Time for Reflection

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able as we say the creed together.

Priest I believe in one God,

**People The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;**

**God, of God; Light, of Light;
Very God, of very God;
Begotten, not made;
Being of one substance with the Father;
Through whom all things were made:
Who for us humans and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

People **And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, The Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
and the Life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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 our guest celebrant, the Reverend Kevin Hunt. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For the Deanery of Richmond, Delta - Marnie Peterson, Regional Dean; Education for Ministry - The Reverend Paula Porter Leggett, Diocesan Coordinator; St. Clement, North Vancouver - The Reverend Helen Dunn, The Venerable Peggy Trendell-Jensen. 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, Diane McKendrick, Gary Hamblin, Thea Hogan, Irma, Jessica, Paul & Sarah Figgess, Dana Bowman, 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: Maurice Beasant, Kevin Benoy and Kathryn Atkinson, Louann Berglof, Yasmine Bia, and their families.

The Confession is not read during the Easter Season.

Sharing of The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord. Most people will simply smile and say "Peace be with you".

The Offertory

The Offertory Plate can be found at the back of the church by the double doors, and you may place your donation there anytime before or during the service. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our community and the world. We sincerely thank you.

We stand and sing the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate will be presented to the altar.

Offertory Hymn - Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

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

People **Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and the earth is thine.
All things come of thee,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest **Blessed are you, O God,**

People **ruler of heaven and earth.**

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you;
People **And with thy spirit.**

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

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, Everlasting God,
Creator and Preserver of all things.
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh,
thou has caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give the knowledge of thy glory,
in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name;
evermore praising thee and saying:

People (sung) **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving
be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son
Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption;
who made there,
by his one oblation of himself once offered,

Priest a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation,
and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute,
and in his holy Gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memorial of that his precious death,
until his coming again.

(sanctus bells are rung)

Hear us, O merciful Father,
we most humbly beseech thee;
and grant that we receiving these thy creatures
of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took Bread; and, when he had given thanks,
he broke it;
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you:
Do this in remembrance of me."

(sanctus bells are rung)

Likewise after supper he took the Cup;
and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
saying, "Drink ye all, of this;
for this is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the remission of sins:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me."

(sanctus bells are rung)

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church,
remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son,

Priest

his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
do make before thee,
in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Cup of everlasting salvation,
the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving,
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church
may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit,
all we who are partakers of this holy Communion
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly
benediction;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

People (sung)

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People Now we are raised to new life.

Priest We were buried in your tomb.

People Now we share in your resurrection.

Priest Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Priest The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

Communion Hymns

- **Eat this Bread**
- **Christ, Mighty Saviour**
- **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted. If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.

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.

Priest Offers Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant offers Communion to those joining online, saying the following.

Priest: The body of Christ, food for our journey.
 The blood of Christ, the cup of love.

And now I invite you here, and you at home, to put your hand over your heart and accept the communion of God.

People Amen.

The communion hymns continue as the table is cleared.

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us,
 we are bold to say:

**People Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy Name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive them that trespass against us;
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 The power, and the glory,
 For ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Priest Life-giving God,

People in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
 you send light to conquer darkness,
 water to give new life,
 and the bread of life to nourish your people.
 Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
 so that we may show your glory to all the world,
 through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Priest Glory be to God on high,

People And in earth peace, good will towards all.
 We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we worship thee, we glorify thee,
 we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
 receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
 have mercy upon us.
 For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
 thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn - O Worship the King

Dismissal

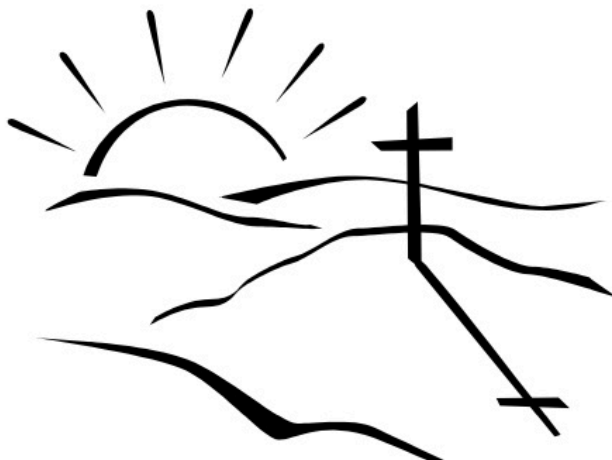
Deacon

Words of dismissal

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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.

***Celebration of Renewal
for the
St. John's Memorial Garden***

The Memorial Garden at St. John's Anglican Church is the final resting place for many of our loved ones. It is also a peaceful spot for meditation and prayer.

Located outside the church lounge on 8th Street, the Memorial Garden has been undergoing a beautiful transformation thanks to the loving hands of a team of volunteers.

Now we invite you to celebrate the refreshed garden with us, and to remember and honour those laid to rest in the sacred soil.

***Sunday, May 24, 2026
10:00am***

Directly following the 10:00am service, we will gather around the garden for a special prayer.

Afterward please join us in the lounge for a reception.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the office, so our planning team can arrange enough food for the reception.

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Faithful Friends

Activity Page for Any Age

The BCP Service

Today's service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer, a more traditional Anglican service. How does it compare to the more contemporary service we usually follow, from the Book of Alternative Services? What do you like best about the BCP Service?

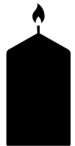
Word Play

How many words can you find using the letters in:

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Prayer Candle

There are many areas in our world experiencing war and violence. Many people are living in fear. We lit the prayer candle for you. Say a prayer for peace in the world.



Draw a Picture

In the Gospel of the Ascension, it says "While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." Draw this scene.