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St. Clare, Abbess of Assisi (transferred)

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: 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) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, Common Worship, and other authorized 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 Dr. Shawn M. Bullock
Subdeacon:	Jill Parsons
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Diane Johnson, Bob Hardy
Intercessor:	Jill Parsons
Eucharistic Administrators:	Linda Harrison, Bob Hardy
Welcome Table:	<i>Not staffed during the summer</i>
Greeter:	<i>Not staffed during the summer</i>

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 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 - Come Down, O Love Divine

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 Almighty and everlasting God,
 All who in the heart of your servant Clare
 kindled the flame of your love,
 give us, your humble servants,
 such faith and power of love,
 that as we rejoice in her triumph,
 we may profit by her example;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Diane Johnson.

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

My beloved speaks and says to me:
 'Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away;
 for now the winter is past,
 the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
 the time of singing has come,
 and the voice of the turtledove
 is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
 and the vines are in blossom;
 they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away.'

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63 - O God, You Are My God Alone

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 Philippians.

More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own, Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:8-14

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Gradual Hymn - God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first verse of the Gradual Hymn. Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel if you are able.

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

The Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

Luke 12:32-37

Gospeller 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 Dr. Shawn M. 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 - Hear Our Prayer

You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you for the prayers of the people.

The Church: We pray for 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, and Shawn our Priest-in-charge and Curate. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For the Street Outreach Initiative - The Reverend Matthew Johnson; Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster - The Reverend Stephanie Shepard. For Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Langakan 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, Mission to Seafarers.

The World: *Love enfolds.
It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me.
I am secure in the Lord.
I can look out, now, through the Lord's eyes.
I can see the world as He created it, in His mercy,
I can see my sisters and brothers with His love,
and I can worship the Father through the eyes of the Son
in the Love of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

-Attributed to St. Clare 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, Thea Hogan, Irma, Jessica, Paul & Sarah Figgess, Jeff Dahl, Victoria, Aster Eastmure and her family, and everyone known to us who chooses not to be on this list. We pray for victims of the wildfires currently burning in BC.

The Dearly Departed: We pray for our sisters in Christ, Rosina "Chris" Gilbert and Connee Little. We pray for Doug and Mariette MacLeod as they mourn the loss of her mother, Eileen Goldney. We pray for Dolores Steele, Doug Brode, and for Frank, and we pray for the family and friends who mourn their loss. 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: Galina Martyniuk, Raili Mazurek, Dianne McLatchie, Yvonne Michael, Sandra Miller, Cheryl Mitchell, and their families. We pray for Arian and Zohre as they prepare for their upcoming baptism.

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.

Call and Celebration of the Decision to be Baptized

Celebrant: Today it is our joy and privilege to welcome Arian and Zohre, disciples with us on the Way of Christ. They are among us as a sign of the journey of faith to which we are all called. We thank God for God's presence in your lives and for the grace that has brought you here today.

What is it that you seek?

Candidates: To follow the Way of Christ.

Celebrant: Arian, will you receive the sign of the cross as a mark of Christ's love for you as you explore his Way?

Candidate: I will.

Celebrant: Zohre, will you receive the sign of the cross as a mark of Christ's love for you as you explore his Way?

Candidate: I will.

The Celebrant will then anoint each of the candidates with the Oil of Catechumens, to mark their preparation for Baptism and to pray for spiritual strength.

Celebrant: Arian, Receive the sign of the cross. May Christ our Redeemer, who claims you for his own, deliver you from evil and guide you on the Way.

Zohre, Receive the sign of the cross. May Christ our Redeemer, who claims you for his own, deliver you from evil and guide you on the Way.

Arian and Zohre, who are our brother and sister, have already travelled a long road. We rejoice with them in the gentle guidance of God. Let us pray that they may press onwards, until they come to share fully in the Way of Christ.

May God the Father reveal his Christ to them more and more with every passing day.

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: May they undertake with generous hearts and souls whatever God may ask of them. Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: May they have our sincere and unfailing support every step of the way. Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: May their hearts and ours become more responsive to the needs of others. Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: In due time may they come to baptism and receive the renewal of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Listen carefully to the words that Jesus gave us as a summary of the law. These few words help us understand how we are to live as human beings in God's world. They are given not to condemn us but to show how by the grace of God we may live as free people reflecting the goodness and love of God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Celebrant God of life, you give us the gift of faith.
 Guide Arian and Zohre by your wisdom
 and surround them with your love.
 Deepen their knowledge of Christ
 and set their feet on the Way that leads to life.
 May your people uphold them in love,
 find in them a sign of hope,
 and learn with them the Way of Christ.
 May the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

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 and you may place your donation there anytime before or during the service.
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 community and the world. We sincerely thank you.*

*We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate
 will be brought forward to be blessed.*

Offertory Hymn - You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

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 love and justice,

**All you make known your ways in the lives of your saints.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and help us to know your holy will and do it;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Saints Common Worship)

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 thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with St. Clare and St. John
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.

In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying

**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 Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you 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.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 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.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once
 for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
 As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
 we bring before you this bread and this cup
 and we thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,

Celebrant so that we, in the company of St. Clare and St. John
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,

All (sung)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread 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.

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

- You Have Passed By

- O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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 glory,
**All this table is a foretaste of the kingdom of your Son.
 May we be faithful to him in this life
 and rejoice with your servant Clare for ever;
 through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Thanksgiving Box *(Deferred from August 2)*

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 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Dismissal

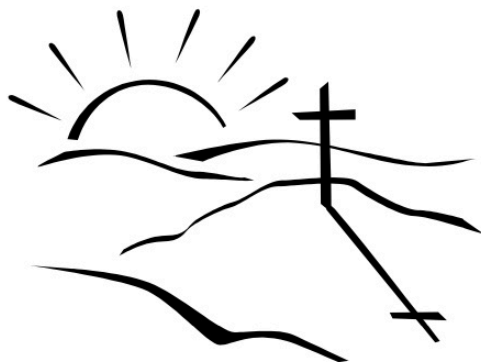
Celebrant

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

Anglican FYI

St. Clare of Assisi (1194/07/16 - 1253/08/11) was strongly influenced by St. Francis and began the Second Order of St. Francis, also known as the Poor Clares, a contemplative order of nuns. Not long before Clare's death she miraculously saw and heard the Christmas midnight mass from a basilica that was miles away. For this reason, Pope Pius XII declared her the patron saint of television. What else is St. Clare the patron saint of?

Word Play

How many words can you find using the letters in:

C L A R E O F A S S I S I

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Prayer Candle

We all have a hope for a better world, or a happier life, or for healing for a loved one. We lit the prayer candle for you - who are you praying for today?



Draw a Picture

If you could perform a miracle, what would it be? Draw that.