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# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

*servicing North Vancouver since 1899*

*May 3, 2020*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*10:00 am Family Eucharist*

*Celebrant : The Reverend Patrick Blaney*

*Guest Preacher: Jill Parsons*

***St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church***

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## **WELCOME**

*We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. There are candles in the Chapel for those who wish to light one and say a prayer at any time before and during the service. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices to silent or "off". After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to 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!*

**St John's North Vancouver Parish recognizes we are on the unceded Coast Salish territories within the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.**

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

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Guest Preacher:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Musician:</i>	<i>Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Donna Lawrence</i>

## ***Announcements***

## ***The Gathering of the Community***

Celebrant  
**All**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant  
**All**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant  
**All**

Almighty God,  
**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.**

## ***The Collect***

Celebrant  
**All**

O God of peace,  
**Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus**  
**Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep,**  
**by the blood of the eternal covenant,**  
**make us perfect in every good work to do your**  
**will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in**  
**your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## ***The First Reading:***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

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

**All Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 23***

**The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**

**You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
and lead me beside still waters.**

**You revive my soul \*  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, \*  
I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; \*  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me \*  
in the presence of those who trouble me;**

**you have anointed my head with oil, \*  
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## The Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2:19-25

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## The Gospel — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**All**

**And also with you.**

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**All**

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

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:1-10

Celebrant

The Gospel of Christ.

**All**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ***Sermon***

Jill Parsons

### ***Time for Reflection***

#### **Creed**

Celebrant

**All**

Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,  
**I believe in God,  
Creator of the universe,  
dwelling within time and space and eternity.  
I believe in Jesus Christ  
who came to live among us  
and let us see what God is like.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
sent from God through Jesus  
to be our guide and comforter.  
Therefore, I believe in love, in hope,  
compassion, joy, and faith,  
and forgiveness, and eternal life.**

**Frances Somerville**

# **Prayers of the People**

**The Church:** Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Linda Nicholls our Primate, Mark MacDonald the Indigenous Archbishop of Canada and Patrick our Priest. Bishop Brent Alawas, and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. St. The Diocesan Management, Finance and Property Committee - Bob Hardy, ODNW (Treasurer and Chair), Shailene Caparas (Staff).

**The Local Community:** City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

**The World:** *Come to the Easter Party (Excerpt) (Ann Weems)*

*Easter Scares us*

*Because we're the people who can't believe*

*That God gives us abundant Life;*

*We think we have to earn it.*

*In our pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps society*

*It's hard to remember that God doesn't buy the self-made man.*

*So we in the church spend our lives showing God*

*What good people we are,*

*What achievers we are,*

*How much we deserve God's love.*

*We want to pay our own way,*

*But Easter says it's already been paid!*

*Easter says, no matter how prodigal,*

*We can go home again!*

*So come to the Easter party!*

*Let's celebrate that amazing grace*

*That in Christ's resurrection*

*We are still loved even at our most outrageous.*

*The Lord has given us the music;*

*All we need do is dance it!*

*Come to the Easter party!*

**Those in Need:** 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: Berna, Bruce and Ann, Elsie, Wilma, Kelly, Dorothy D., Jaye E., Elle D., Allison M. Also for Olga S., Andy M., Meherunissa, Ratyia M., Doreen S., Laurie S., Ruby E., Frances B., Flo L., C.L.J.T., Sandro Y., Lesley G., Jean S., Ron and Rosemary P., Maria M., Joan C., Liam, Juanita C., Galina M., Lisa C., Heather M., Norm and Anne D., Mike S., Donna L. and family.

**The Dearly Departed:** Doreen Hodges and Ernie Lawrence (Donna's Uncle).

**In Thanksgiving:** In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Gillian Lyles, Trecey MacLennan, Annelise Weddigen, Margaret Mainwaring, Perri Mainwaring, David, Lucas and Maggie Moroz, Galina Martyniuk, Behrouz Mavizisani and Raili Mazurek.

## ***Sharing of The Peace***

*We stand as we are able and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.*

Celebrant

May the peace of Christ always be with you.

**All**

**And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

*Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the deacon or celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.*

### **Doxology**

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.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637–1710).

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

Celebrant

God of loving care,

All

**You spread before us the table of life,  
 and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
 Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus  
 Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**



All

**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

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
in the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
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."

Gracious God,  
 his perfect sacrifice  
 destroys the power of sin and death;  
 by raising him to life  
 you give us life for evermore.  
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant            Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,  
 and looking for his coming again in glory,  
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
 that all who eat and drink at this table  
 may be one body and one holy people,  
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
 now and for ever.

**All**                    **Amen.**

Celebrant  
**All**

As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,  
**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  
**All**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant  
**All**

We were buried with you in your tomb.  
**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant

Live in us, that we may live in you.

### ***The Communion***

*Celebrant*  
**All**

The Gifts of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to receive communion at this table. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Anyone desiring a blessing should fold their arms across their chest after receiving communion, as an indication to the priest.*

## ***Prayer after Communion***

Celebrant  
**All**

God of steadfast love,  
**Watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

## ***The Doxology***

Celebrant  
**All**

Glory to God,  
**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.**

## ***Blessing***

## ***Dismissal***

Celebrant  
**All**

Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

