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# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

*servicing North Vancouver since 1899*

*May 24, 2020*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist*

*Celebrant & Preacher : The Reverend Patrick Blaney*

*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 "silence" 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:***

*Celebrant & Preacher:*

*The Reverend Patrick Blaney*

*Musician:*

*Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ*

*Choir Director:*

*Christie Smith*

*Intercessor:*

*Jean Sampy*

## ***Announcements***

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

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

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

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.**

## ***The Collect***

Celebrant Almighty God,  
**All your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of  
 heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord.  
 Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
 and in the bond of his peace,  
 and bring the whole of creation  
 to worship at his feet,  
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
 Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***The Proclamation of the Word*** ***The First Reading:***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 over the course of 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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

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

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 8**

**O Lord our governor, \*  
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

**Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens. You have set up a  
stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
what are mortals that you should be mindful of them, \*  
their children that you should seek them out?**

**You have made them but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn them with glory and honour;  
you give them mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under their feet;**

**all sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and all that walks in the paths of the sea.**

**O Lord our governor, \*  
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

## The Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards 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

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## The Gospel —Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**All**

**And also with you.**

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All**

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

Then he 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

Celebrant

The Gospel of Christ.

**All**

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

**Sermon**

The Reverend Patrick Blaney

**Time for Reflection****Apostle's Creed**

Celebrant  
**All**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker 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, dead, and buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on 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**

**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. The Deanery of Tri-Cities / North Burnaby – The Reverend Eric Mason, Regional Dean.

**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, Lisa C., Heather M., Norm and Anne D., Maria B., Ivan, Everett and Mike S.

**The Dearly Departed:** Those we no longer see, but they will live forever in our hearts,

**In Thanksgiving:** In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Ron and Rosemary Paxon, Michele and Ron Payne, Janet Phillips, Leeann Price, Bev Provost, Mona and Maikel Rezk.

## ***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**

The musical score for the Doxology is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The first system begins with a treble clef staff containing a G-clef and a bass clef staff containing an F-clef. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines. The second system concludes with a double bar line.

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

Eternal God,

**All**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ  
 has promised to be with us until the end of time.  
 Accept all we offer you this day,  
 and renew us in his transfigured life;  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Eternal Giver of love and power,  
**your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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!**

