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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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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:

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Musician:

Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ

Choir Director:

Christie Smith

Intercessor:

Tracey MacLennan

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

Merciful God,
**you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Acts 17:22-31

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66

**In your might you rule for ever;
your eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against you.**

**Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of God's praise to be heard;
who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

**For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

**You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

**You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings *
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips *
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

**I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.**

**Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what the Lord has done for me,
The One to whom I called out with my mouth *
and whose praise was on my tongue.**

**If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

**But in truth God has heard me *
and has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

The Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3:13-22

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The Gospel — Sixth 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.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

John 14:15-21

Celebrant

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Time for Reflection

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant
All

Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,
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.

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. Dunstan, Aldergrove – The Reverend David Taylor; St. Helen, Vancouver - The Reverend Scott Gould; St. Helen, Surrey - The Reverend Stephen Laskey, The Reverend Jonathan Pinkney.

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 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., Mike S., Maria B., Ivan and Everett. Prayers for Lyndon and his wife Loraine who has pancreatic cancer.

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

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Maria Morellato, Jonathan & Chiara Tobler, Bill & Pat Muir, Allison Mulligan, Stuart Newton, Jill Parsons and Charline Paul.

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, both in the key of G major (one sharp). The first system begins with a treble clef staff containing a series of chords and a bass clef staff with a similar harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

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 glory,
All **accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 2 (DoWN)

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
 he brings us into the light of your presence.
 Now with all creation we raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 and gracious God, accept our praise,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 who on the night he was handed over to suffering and
 death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying,
 "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for
 you."
 In the same way he took the cup, saying,
 "This is my blood which is shed for you."
 When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
 we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that
 you have made us worthy to stand in your presence
 and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering
 of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in
 these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit
 and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we
 may praise you and give you glory through your
 Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,
 with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for
 ever.

All

Amen.

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,
All **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 Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All **Now we are raised to new life.**

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

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

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
All **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 Father,
All **you restored us to life
 by raising your Son from death.
 May we who receive this sacrament always be
 strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus
 Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

The Doxology

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.**

Blessing

Dismissal

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

St. Catherine's Church will be having an online memorial on May 23rd, 2020, at 2:00pm, remembering those who have died during the pandemic. There will be prayers, poems and candle lighting during the service. If you wish to send in a name and memory go to:

scadmin@shaw.ca

The online service will be available at:

<https://www.saint-catherines.org/events/ service-of-memorial>

