

**Welcome to**  
Parish of  
**St John the Divine**  
Squamish



Sunday November 1st, 2020

Night Prayer for All Souls

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**We gather on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation**



Diocese of New Westminster  
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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

The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

The angels of God guard us through the night,  
**and quiet the powers of darkness.**

The Spirit of God be our guide,  
**to lead us to peace and to glory.**

It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early, and so late  
take our rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.

**For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they  
sleep.**

*Silence*

Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy,  
O God of mercy, we thank you.

**Hymn:** To You Before the Close of Day

To you before the close of day, Creator of all things,  
we pray that, in your saving constancy our guard  
and keeper you would be.

Save us from troubled, restless sleep; from all ill  
dreams your children keep. So calm our minds that  
fears may cease and rested bodies wake in peace.

A healthy life we ask of you: the fire of love in us

During this anxious time for everyone with the pandemic always at our doorstep, prayer is a most powerful activity to stave off anxiety or depression. There is such wonderful hope in prayer. Author Emily Dickenson said, hope is a gift given. I believe that we as Christians, are a people of hope. Philippians 4: verses 6 and 7 says, do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, I would like to comment on my most recent prayer activity which is walking a labyrinth. It is a wonderful activity where I can release any anxieties I may be feeling on the way around, receive blessings from God in the centre and return with a new perspective and insight.

Thanks be to God for this wonderful prayer activity.

renew, and when the dawn new light will bring, your praise and glory we shall sing.

Almighty Father, hear our cry through Jesus Christ, our Lord, most high, Whom with the Spirit we adore forever and for evermore.

**Psalm 116:1-8**

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,

**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;

**I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

**“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;

**our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the innocent;

**I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,

**for the Lord has treated you well.**

For you have rescued my life from death,

**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord

**in the land of the living.**

**Reading: John 11:21-27**

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never

die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;  
**For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.**

Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;  
**Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

### *Antiphon*

Preserve us, O God, waking,  
**and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

### **The Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29–32)**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;  
**your word has been fulfilled.**

My own eyes have seen the salvation  
**which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

a light to reveal you to the nations  
**and the glory of your people Israel.**

Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer**

Lord  
it is night.

The night is for stillness.

### Reflection on Prayer

Norma Lawton

Many years ago when I was in Sunday School as an 8 year old, I learned to memorize the Lord's Prayer. It was just an activity that we all did but never really had any significance for me until in my late twenties when my life started to take shape. I started to think about God in a much different light and the fact that I could just talk to Him when I felt the need.

Of course I have learned more of the value and power of prayer since those early days, how God walks with us all the time, how he talks to us when we least expect it, how when I feel I can't do anything to solve a crisis or situation in the world, I can pray, the most powerful tool there is.

There is a series of novels called the 'Beloved Mitford Series' by Jan Karon which is about a priest and his very real but comical life in a small town parish; when Father Tim finds himself in a sticky situation, he always prays the prayer 'that never fails', the Lord's Prayer. We all have that prayer at our disposal. I've learned that prayers are a journey which can be wonderful to travel on.

There are many songs to inspire us to pray. One of my favourites is 'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus' which I hum or sing as I walk, looking at all that God has created for me to enjoy, beautiful gardens, mountains, birds etc.

Here are the words:

*Turn your eyes, upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grown strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.*

I find repeating this over and over starts to fill me with wonder and anticipation that there are more wonderful events to come or happen in my life. It helps also to stay positive when a mantra is sung or said while walking.

## St. John the Divine Prayers for November 1st, 2020

### The Church

The young people of our church, and those ministries by and with them:

The Diocesan Youth Movement – Anne Kessler (Chair)  
and all parish youth and children’s ministry leaders  
Camp Artaban Society – Sandi LaCharite (Chair), Staff  
and Board of Directors

British Columbia & Yukon Anglican Youth Movement – Sam  
Conway (Chair)

All members of the ODNW and the newly invested for 2020  
St. John the Divine Squamish – The Reverend Cameron  
Gutjahr

### Immediate Prayer Requests

Jessica, Muriel, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, The Howe Sound  
Women’s Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the  
residents of Shannon Falls and the patients of Squamish  
General Hospital.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all  
who are grieving, for health care professionals, researchers  
and emergency personnel.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.

The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world  
and of our own lives rest in you.  
The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys, new possibilities.  
In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

For the peace of the whole world, we pray to you:  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For those who are weary, sleepless, or depressed, we  
pray to you:  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For those who are hungry, sick, or frightened, we pray  
to you:  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For rest and refreshment, we pray to you:  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*From the Church of England’s “Common Worship: Times and  
Seasons*

*Celebrant*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

*All*

**For you have created all things, and by your will they have their being.**

*Celebrant*

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

*All*

**You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.**

*Silence is kept as we read aloud the names of those to be remembered.*

*All*

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all: and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so you ordained when you created me, saying: 'Dust you are and to dust you shall return.' All of us go down to the dust, yet weeping at the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All*

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant*

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands. Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of

**Collect**

Father of all,  
we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer.

Grant them your peace,  
let light perpetual shine upon them,  
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power,  
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,  
**for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.**

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,  
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

*Celebrant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

*All*

**Amen.**