



# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

Doing God's Love for 125 years

# November 24, 2024 Last Sunday after Pentecost The Reign of Christ 10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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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. 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! We look forward to getting to know you better!

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Liturgical Assistant:

Crucifer and Altar Server:

Choir Director:

Music Director:

Guest Pianist

Jill Parsons

Hazel Breakey

Christie Smith

Galina Martyniouk

Clara Hui Lin

Readers: John Spender, Leeann Price

Intercessor: Ann Hasle

Eucharistic Administrators: Eileen Spender, Madeline Cooper

Welcome Table: Donna Lawrence

#### Flowers in the Sanctuary today

The official 2024 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 Donna in the office.

#### The Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church:

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.

#### Prelude & Announcements



#### Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant The community of St. John's acknowledges that we live,

work and worship on the ancestral and unceded land of the Coast Salish Peoples: The Musqueam,

Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations. May the reconciling love of Christ be reflected in our words and in our actions.

#### 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 his 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,

Whose will it is to restore a

whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### The Proclamation of the Word

**The First Reading:** Read by John Spender. A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

2 Samuel 23:1-7

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

#### All Thanks be to God.

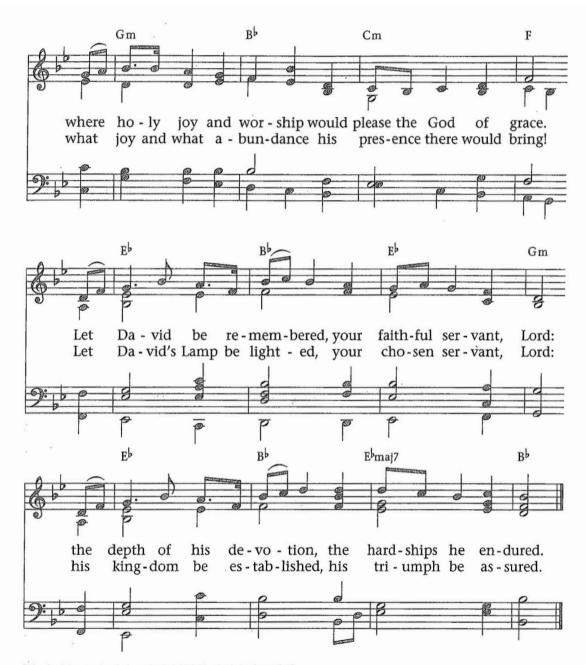
#### Psalm 132

Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalm together.

# When David Had a Longing







Words: Martin Leckebusch © 2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. Music (THAXTED 7.6.7.6 triple): Gustav Holst, 1921, P.D. **The Second Reading:** Read by Leeann Price.

A reading from the Revelation to John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:4B-8

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#### The Gospel - Last Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Assistant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Liturgical Assistant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18:33-37

Liturgical Assistant The Gospel of Christ.

#### All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the last verse of the Gradual hymn is sung.

#### Sermon

Reverend Patrick Blaney

#### Time for Reflection

#### One Woman's Creed

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

All I believe in God,

creator of the universe

dwelling forever beyond time and space.

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



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

**The Church:** Archbishop Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan, Bishop John Stephens, and Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, who has become Acting Primate. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver - The Very Reverend Christopher Pappas, The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan, The Reverend Clare Morgan, The Reverend Alisdair Smith, The Reverend Jeffery Preiss. For Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Lang-akan 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.

**The World:** Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**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: John & Pat Riddell, Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Madeline Cooper, Maria Morellato, Anne Dunne, Mike Mager and family, Michelle McMaster.

**The Dearly Departed:** The family of St. John's joins with those who are mourning the loss of Brock Lupton, our friend and former choir member and musician. We pray for his family and friends as they grieve. We pray for all who have passed on from this life and live forever in our hearts.

**In Thanksgiving:** In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Pat and John Riddell, Edward and Estrella Alimbay, Allison, Rob and Addison Sapiecha, Pam and Ken Seely, Lynn Shozawa, and their families.

#### 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.

(Silence is kept)

Celebrant

Most merciful God,

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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.

#### 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 Offertory

The Offertory Plate can be found at the back of the church by the double doors, and you may place your donation there anytime before, during or after the service. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our community and the world. We sincerely thank you.

#### The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

The liturgical assistants set the Altar and prepare the gifts of bread and wine 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 Altar.

#### The Doxology

All (sung) 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.

#### The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God,

All by your grace you have raised us up

and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

#### The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 1 (DoNW)

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 It is indeed right that we should praise you,

gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female and all genders you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Celebrant Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

#### 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

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

Celebrant 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.

#### 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.

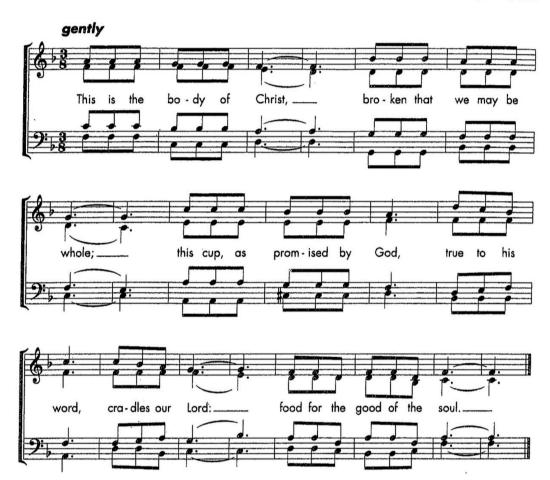
All Thanks be to God.

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. 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

Words & music: John L. Bell



Words and music @ 1998 WGRC, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American agent. From the callection: There is One Among Us

EUCHARIST As We Gather at Your Table 61



Music: Alfred V. Fedak (1953-). @ 1990 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

Ecce, Deus



#### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All you have made us a royal priesthood

in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Make known his victory through us, we pray,

that all the world may see his light.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

#### The Blessing

#### Recessional Hymn

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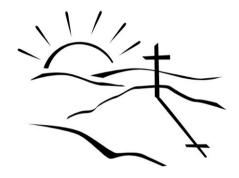


#### Dismissal

Celebrant Words of Dismissal

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude, for those who wish to remain



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.

Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

#### **Service of Interment for Brock Lupton**

The service of interment will be held at the Memorial Garden outside immediately following today's service. Anyone who would like to come and remember our friend Brock is welcome. Otherwise please enjoy our coffee and tea fellowship downstairs and the rest will join us shortly.

#### A Letter to St. John's Parishioners from the Treasurer

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

This year, we have been celebrating the 125 th anniversary of St. John's with wonderful events and projects. We have been blessed with many lasting memories that remind us of how grateful we are for the people of this community. We have welcomed newcomers, and I am thankful that you have chosen St. John's as your new spiritual home. I am encouraged that our live streaming viewership is up over last year and a special thanks goes to Christie for her many hours of extra work on the new sound system. It takes many people working together to grow a church and I would like to thank all those who work so hard at St. John's.

I would also like to take this opportunity to briefly update you on St. John's finances. This year we replaced the last of the church windows that had broken seals, and I would like to thank the Diocese for helping us with this major capital expense. I am happy to report that our spending and most of our income are on target for this year as projected in our annual budget. However, our donations are down by 10% from what we budgeted. While there may be many reasons for this, it is of some concern to me. As you are all aware, inflation has increased the cost of living for everyone, and St. John's is no exception.

In this last quarter of the year, I would ask that you prayerfully review where you are in your annual financial commitment to St. John's. To bring your donations up to date, please drop off a cheque at the Church office or bring your donation to the inperson services. I also ask that you begin to consider your financial commitment for 2025 or become a regular donor. If you are new to St. John's please contact me or Bev Provost, our

Donor Administrator, as to how you can contribute regularly and be an important part of supporting our ongoing ministry. As always, I thank everyone for your incredible offerings of time, talent and treasure to St. John's.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, one of the Church Wardens or Patrick. I thank you for taking the time to read this and for your prayerful considerations.

Sincerely Yours,
Bob Hardy, Treasurer
St. John's Anglican Church
November 2024

#### A St. John's Heritage Moment

#### St. John's 125th Anniversary Year - Doing God's Love for 125 Years

When Remembrance Day rolls around, we usually think about the men who served in the Canadian Forces. Often swept to the sidelines are the contributions of women in the war efforts. In the First World War, women filled roles such as nurses, ambulance drivers, and translators. By the 2nd World War, women were mechanics, photographers, codebreakers and even spies. While they did not fly in combat, women did fly planes for the war effort.

A long-time member of St. John's Church, British-born Stella "Jaye" Edwards learned how to fly in 1939 at just 20 years old. She said that her pilot's license arrived in the mail the day after war was declared in Europe.

Women were not allowed to be pilots in the first years of the war, so Jaye offered her services as a nurse. Things changed in 1943, when the Royal Air Force advertised for women pilots to join the Air Transport Auxiliary (the "Attagirls") flying planes from aircraft factories to the Air Force bases, for fighter pilots to use. Jaye ended up flying at least twenty different types of aircraft in her time, with very little training and always solo. She said her favourite plane was the Hawker Hurricane.

Jaye gave up flying after the war, and after spending time in the South Pacific, she moved to Canada. She was the last surviving member of the Attagirls when she passed away August 15, 2022, at the age of 103.

Do you have an idea for a St. John's Heritage Moment?

Contact Donna in the church office 
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