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ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA



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

*Doing God's Love Since 1899*

*August 10, 2025*

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Gary Hamblin*

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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!

### **The Anglican Church**

As Anglicans we believe that God is eternal, the earth maker, the pain bearer, the life giver; source of all that is and shall be; father and mother of us all. We learn that God is one, yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - a Holy Trinity.

We believe that Christians learn about God in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and through sharing in the living community of faith. We believe Jesus Christ was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. We are an Apostolic Church, meaning that Bishops are a part of our leadership and we can trace our line of Bishops back to the 12 Apostles.

As Anglicans we get to know God by God's initiative in our thinking and understanding: by experiencing and reflecting on the wonder and mystery of creation, birth and death, love, forgiveness and the need to find meaning and worth beyond ourselves.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's, whether you were raised Anglican, or followed another faith, or you have no faith background at all. We hope you find what you are looking for in our service today.

### **Our Service Today**

This liturgy (the words we say) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, and is the common, contemporary Anglican liturgy.

As we proceed through the service, this bulletin will help you recognize when to stand and when to sit, when to speak and when to sing, when to pray silently and when to pray aloud. We invite you to read aloud with us anytime the bulletin says **All**.

## Chapel Candles

At any time during the service, you are welcome to prayerfully light a candle in the chapel in honour of a loved one, or in a prayer of concern.

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

Celebrant:	The Reverend Gary Hamblin
Liturgical Assistant:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Kevin Benoy, Janet Harris
Intercessor:	Tracey MacLennan
Eucharistic Administrators:	Christine Williams, Tracey MacLennan

*The Welcome Table is not staffed in the summer*

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

*The official 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:

We do not "pass the plate" at St. John's. We invite you to place your donation on the Offertory Plate at the back of the church anytime. During the Offertory Hymn the plate is brought forward to the altar.

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](http://www.stjohnnv.ca), or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



## Prelude & Announcements

## ***Processional Hymn - God the Creator***

*We stand for the Processional Hymn, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.*

## ***Territorial Acknowledgement***

Celebrant We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Squamish - Mother of the Wind, the Tsleil-Waututh - People of the Inlet, and the Musqueam - People of the River Grass. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

**All                    May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen**

## ***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 God,**

**All** **you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

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

***The First Reading:*** Read by Kevin Benoy.  
A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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

**All    Thanks be to God.**

## ***Psalm 50 - The Mighty God with Power Speaks***

*Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.*

***The Second Reading:*** Read by Janet Harris.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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## **Gradual Hymn - God Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

*Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first two verses of the Gradual Hymn. Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel if you are able.*

*We turn to face the Liturgical Assistant as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary. Then we sing the last part of the Gospel Hymn facing the altar.*

## **The Gospel - Ninth 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 Luke.

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

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Luke 12:32-40

Liturgical Assistant      The Gospel of Christ.

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the last verse of the Gradual hymn.*



**Sermon**

The Reverend Gary Hamblin

***Time for Reflection******The Apostles' Creed***

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator 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, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at 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 - Hear Our Prayer***

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

**The Church:** We pray for Archbishop John Stephens our Metropolitan, and Archbishop Shane Parker, new Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. 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 St. David and St. Paul, Powell River - The Reverend Laurel Dahill, The Reverend Lucy Price, The Reverend Ronald Berezan, The Reverend Taras Pakholchuk; The Deanery of Richmond, Delta – Marnie Peterson, Regional Dean. 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:** *Holy One beyond all names  
Eternal Wellspring  
May love rise again in us today  
With food for every table  
Shelter for every family  
And reverence for every life.  
Forgive us our failings in love  
And free us from all falseness  
That the light of our souls may shine  
And the strength of our spirits endure  
For Earth and all its people  
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen*

*(John Philip Newell)*

**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: Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Madeline Cooper.

**The Dearly Departed:** 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: Kingsley and Mercy Agyeman, Barbara Backer, Maurice Beasant, Kevin Benoy and Kathryn Atkinson, Yasmine Bia, 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.

*(A prayerful silence is kept)*

Celebrant            Most merciful God,  
**All                    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***

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant                      May the peace of Christ always be with you.  
**All                                And also with you.**

*The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord. Many of us will simply smile and say "Peace be 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 or during the service. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our community and the world. We sincerely thank you.*

*We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate will be presented to the altar.*

## ***Offertory Hymn - Take My Life and Let it Be***

# ***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 Father,

**All receive all we offer you this day,  
and grant that in this eucharist  
we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## ***The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 4 (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 right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All                    Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant            At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home;  
by your will they were created and have their being.

**All                    Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant            From the primal elements  
you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;  
you made us the stewards of creation.

**All                    Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant            But we turn against you, and betray your trust;  
and we turn against one another.  
Again and again you call us to return.  
Through the prophets and sages  
you reveal your righteous law.  
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,  
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.  
He was wounded for our transgressions,  
and bruised for our iniquities.  
By his death he opened to us  
the way of freedom and peace.

**All                    Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant

Therefore we praise you,  
 joining with the heavenly chorus,  
 with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
 and with those in every generation  
 who have looked to you in hope,  
 to proclaim with them your glory,  
 in their unending hymn:

**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 he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest,  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
 for sending us Jesus, the Christ,  
 who on the night he was handed over  
 to suffering and death,  
 took bread, said the blessing,  
 broke the bread, gave it to his friends,  
 and said, "Take this, and eat it:  
 this is my body which is given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,  
 he took the cup of wine;  
 he gave you thanks,  
 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."

**All**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant

Gracious God,  
 we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,  
 and we look with expectation for his coming  
 as Lord of all the nations.  
 We who have been redeemed by him,  
 and made a new people by water and the Spirit,  
 now bring you these gifts.  
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
 and upon this offering of your Church,  
 that we who eat and drink at this holy table  
 may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth  
 and make it your new creation.  
 Gather your Church together  
 from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
 where peace and justice are revealed,  
 that we, with all your people,  
 of every language, race, and nation,  
 may share the banquet you have promised;  
 through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
 all honour and glory are yours,  
 creator of all.

**All**

**Glory to you for ever and ever. 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.**

*Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.*

*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**
- Here is Bread**
- Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord**

*The Eucharistic administrators will first serve Communion to the choir. Then they will stand at the front of the church and the congregation will come forward in two lines down the centre aisle to take Communion. If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.*

## ***Celebrant Takes Communion***

*After the congregation has been served, the celebrant takes Communion at the altar, saying the following.*

Celebrant: The body of Christ, food for our journey.  
The blood of Christ, the cup of love.

And now I invite you here, and you at home, to put your hand over your heart and accept the communion of God.

**All            Amen.**

*The communion hymns continue as the Liturgical Assistants clear the altar.*

## ***Prayer after Communion***

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant    Eternal God,

**All            grant to your Church the unity and peace  
that we have tasted in this eucharist,  
the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.  
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***

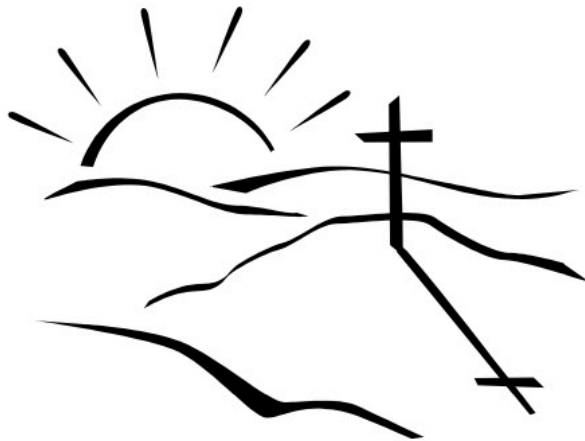
***Recessional Hymn - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

## ***Dismissal***

Liturgical Assistant  
**All**

Words of dismissal  
**Thanks be to God.**

*There is a brief musical postlude for those who wish to stay.*



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.  
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge  
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

# Faithful Friends

## Activity Page for Any Age

## The Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his followers to make a purse that cannot be damaged, to hold the treasure safely. What do you think the treasure is which we need to guard so carefully?


## Music

Which hymn (song) did you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favourite hymn? \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Play

Unscramble these letters to form words or phrases from church.

DABER \_\_\_\_\_ EOALPST \_\_\_\_\_

ISEGBLNS \_\_\_\_\_ RRYEAP \_\_\_\_\_

## Draw a Picture

Draw the purse in which you will hold your treasure.