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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant & Guest Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Rob James

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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.

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 Dr. Rob James
Deacon-in-Charge, Curate:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Christine Williams, Diane Johnson
Intercessor:	Tracey MacLennan
Eucharistic Administrators:	Christine Williams, Kingsley Agyeman
Welcome Table:	Diane Johnson
Greeter:	Jean Welsh

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, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



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.

Prelude & Announcements & 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

Processional Hymn - You Call Us, Lord, to Be

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

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 your 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 Generous God,

**All whose life is freely given
in Jesus Christ our Lord:
as you have opened for us
your house of many rooms,
so may we make a place
for the rejected and unloved,
and share in the work of peace;
through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Christine Williams.

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Acts 7:55-60

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

A Responsorial Setting

Refrain

My times are in your hands. You strength-en me in strife.

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My hope is in your Word. Your love pre-serves my life.

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Refrain

- ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
- ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth. *Refrain*
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love." *Refrain*

Tone

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The Second Reading: Read by Diane Johnson.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:2-10

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All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - I Believe in God Almighty

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 Deacon as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary.

The Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in

fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

John 14:1-14

Deacon 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 facing the altar.

Sermon The Reverend Dr. Rob James

Time for Reflection

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

All **For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People - O Lord, Hear My 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, 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 Rector, for Shawn our Deacon-in-charge and Curate, and for Georgina our Associate Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For the Deanery of Tri-Cities / North Burnaby – The Reverend Philip Cochrane, Regional Dean; The Legal Officers of the Diocese - George Cadman, K.C., AAM, ODNW, Chancellor; Kevin Smith, ODNW, Vice-Chancellor; Donald Paul, ODNW, Registrar; Jennifer Dezell, ODNW, Legal Assessor; All Saints, Burnaby - The Reverend Justin Cheng, The Reverend Leah Skuro. 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. Amen*

-St. Francis of Assisi

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, Kelly Blake, Patrick, Simon Drake, Dianne McLatchie, Gary Hamblin, Thea Hogan, Irma, Jessica, Paul & Sarah Figgess, Jeff Dahl, Victoria

The Dearly Departed: We pray for all loved ones who will live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Emily Yu, Patrick Yuan, Avi Santoso, Richard Larocque and Lynn Na, Martha and Sergio Barbosa, Craig Houston, and their families.

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 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The Deacon sets the table and prepares 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 table.

The Doxology

**All (sung) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God,
**All ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

- 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 (sung) **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 (sung) **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 (sung) **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 (sung)

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 the One 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 (sung)

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 (sung) 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 (sung) 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 Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried 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.

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

- **Eat This Bread**
- **Here Is Bread**
- **How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

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 Offers Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant offers Communion to those joining online, 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 Deacon clears the table.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Life-giving God,

**All in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Thanksgiving Box

On the first Sunday of the month we invite everyone who wants to give thanks for particular blessings in their lives (birthdays, anniversaries, new job, etc.) to come forward and share their story with the congregation. All donations placed in the Thanksgiving Box will go to the minister's discretionary fund.

- Thanksgiving for the Long, Long Night of Hope
- Thanksgiving of the parishioners

Celebrant Prayer of Thanksgiving

Everyone returns to their pews.

Please stand as you are able.

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 - Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Dismissal

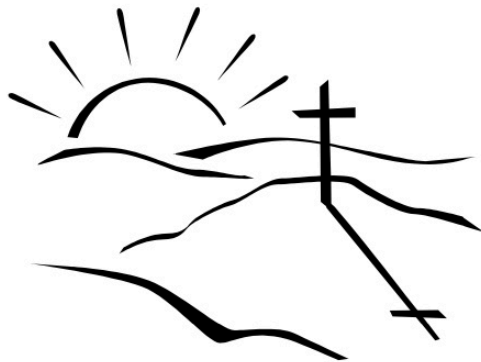
Deacon

Words of dismissal

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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

Jesus says "I go to prepare a place for you". In your imagination, what does that place look like?

Word Play

Unscramble the letters to find the names of people in today's service:

SNHWA LCOBULK _____

ORB AESJM _____

ECIITSHR HSMTI _____

ZLEAH EEKARYB _____

IINCTHERS SLLIIMAW _____

AEIND NNSJOEH _____

Prayer Candle

Our families may be small or large, but each member of the family is important to us. We lit the prayer candle for you - say a prayer for your family.



Draw a Picture

In the Book of Acts, Stephen said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!". What would that look like to you? Draw that.