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The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Celebration of Holy Baptism

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Shawn M. Bullock

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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, Common Worship, and other authorized 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. Shawn M. Bullock
Subdeacon:	Jill Parsons
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Diane Johnson, Ann Burch
Intercessor:	<i>Included in Baptism Liturgy</i>
Eucharistic Administrators:	Alison Brookfield, Linda Harrison
Welcome Table:	Diane Johnson
Greeter:	Donna Lawrence

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 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 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

We stand for the Processional Hymn, as 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.**

A Collect for Season of Creation

Celebrant Source of all life,

All **we give thanks to you for your wondrous creation
made manifest in the environment that surrounds us;
strengthen us in the mission of stewardship
and care towards nature, the work of your hands,
encouraging us to preserve life
in all its precious forms.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Rev. Luiz Coelho, Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, 2018

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Diane Johnson.

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119 - Revive Thy Work, O Lord

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

The Second Reading: Read by Ann Burch.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:14-17

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All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - To the Name of Our Salvation

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

The Gospel

Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Gospeller

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

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:1-6

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the remainder of the Gradual hymn facing the altar.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Shawn M. Bullock

Time for Reflection

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Sponsors I present Benjamin to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Parents and Sponsors I present Rio to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsors I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the Parents and Sponsors who speak on behalf the infants:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord,
that all who are baptized
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live in the power of his resurrection
and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the Gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant We give you thanks for you have called Benjamin and Rio to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All Blessed are you, our strength and song,
and our salvation.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

**All I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All 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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of
God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon, the candidates, saying,

Celebrant Benjamin, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Benjamin with Chrism, saying:

I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own forever.

Rio, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Rio with Chrism, saying:

I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own forever.

The Celebrant, prays over the newly baptized, saying,

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,

Celebrant the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder
in all your works. Amen.

When the baptism candidates have been baptised, all are sprinkled with water from the Font.

Baptismal Hymn - This Child of Ours, This Miracle

The Giving of the Light

Each of the newly baptized is given a lighted candle, saying,

Celebrant Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed
from darkness to light.

Once all of the newly baptized have received candles, the people say,

**All Let your light so shine before others
 that they may see your good works
 and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the household of God.
 Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
 proclaim his resurrection,
 and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Please keep the following in your prayers this week.

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 former Rector, and Shawn our Priest-in-charge. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For the West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry; St. John the Baptist, Sardis – The Reverend Matt Koovisk. 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 Mission to Seafarers.

The World: *Creator of the universe,
watch over us and keep us in the light of your presence.
May our praise continually blend with that of all creation,
until we come together to the eternal joys
which you promise in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*
A Prayer for God's Presence, BAS Page 132

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, Brena Polky and her family, and everyone known to us who chooses not to be on this list.

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: Ken and Pam Seely, Lynne Shozawa, Christie Smith, Eileen and John Spender, Doreen Stringer, Rio and Benjamin, and their families.

Sharing of The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Although the doors were shut,
and the disciples were afraid,
our Lord Jesus Christ said "Peace be with you."

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 brought forward to be blessed.

Offertory Hymn - Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The table is set and the gifts of bread and wine are prepared 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 Great and holy God,
**All accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Salal and Cedar Eucharistic Prayer ***(Authorised in DNW)***

Celebrant May God be with you

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right at all times and in all places
 to thank and praise you Creator of all.
 We praise you here on this Coast Salish land
 where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea,
 where city and farm, wilderness and industry
 are side by side.
 We praise you at a time
 when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.
 Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.
 They depended on the land, were displaced from the land
 and displaced others from their lands.
 They knew you in tents and cities,
 on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams,
 and through wilderness prophets who
 spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors,
 orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar,
 we join our voices with all creation
 in this ancient honour song:

**All Holy, holy, holy One,
 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 We give thanks to you for Jesus,
 whose first bed was a feed trough.
 He was baptized into the Jordan, tested in the wilderness,
 he traveled in fishing boats and told parables
 of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died,
 Jesus took bread, food of the poor,
 the work of field and hearth,
 he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:

"Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
 do this to remember me."

Again after supper he took the cup of wine,
 fruit of the land,
 gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying:

"This is my blood, which is shed for you.
 When you do this, do it in memory of me."

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
 and awaiting his coming kingdom,
 we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
 so that we know Jesus in them
 and are gathered together with everyone who shares
 this sacred meal of justice and community.

Celebrant Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St. John, St. Benedict, St. Francis, and all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar,
which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

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.

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

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

If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.

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**
- Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive**
- Come Down, O Love Divine**

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.

Celebrant Offers Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant offers Communion to those joining online, saying the following.

Celebrant Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
 and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (Jn 6:35)

The body of Christ, bread of Heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation.

All Amen

The communion hymns continue as the table is cleared.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Father,

**All Your word and sacrament give us food and life.
 May we who have shared in holy things
 bear fruit to your honour and glory,
 in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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 - O Praise Ye the Lord

Dismissal

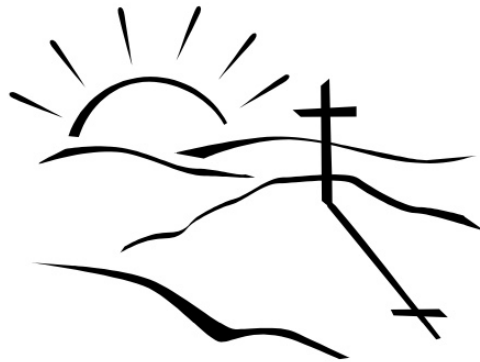
Celebrant

Words of dismissal

All

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

Anglican FYI

Traditionally the Baptismal Font used to be placed at the back of a church, by the west entrance, as one needed to be baptised before they could enter a church. In the west corner of St. John's sanctuary is the Baptismal Font from our old building, rescued from the 1985 fire, along with its dedication plaque from 1910.

Word Play

How many words can you find using the letters in:

B A P T I S M A L F O N T

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Prayer Candle

Children and youth will soon be returning to school. We lit the prayer candle for you - say a prayer for students and teachers.



Draw a Picture

Draw a picture of your baptism, or the baptism of someone you love.