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The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Season of Creation

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Stuart Mennigke

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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.

Priest in Charge:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn M. Bullock
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey

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

Celebrant:	The Reverend Dr. Stuart Mennigke
Subdeacon:	Kingsley Agyeman
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Guest Musician	Clara Hui Lin, piano
Readers:	Janet Harris, -
Intercessor:	Alison Brookfield
Eucharistic Administrators:	Maria Morellato, Linda Harrison
Welcome Table:	Maria Morellato
Greeter:	Farid Madisa

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. 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 - For the Beauty of the Earth

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.**

The Collect

Celebrant Grant, O merciful God,
All **that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives 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 Janet Harris.

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

LORD, I Gladly Trust **25B**

System 1: Chords: D, G, D, A. Lyrics: 1 LORD, I glad - ly trust in you: let me not be; 2 In your hands I place my past: all my sins you; 3 Teach me what is true and good; let me hear and; 4 When my trou - bles mul - ti - ply you a - lone can

System 2: Chords: A7, D, G, D. Lyrics: put to shame. As I look up toward your throne; know so well. Your for - give - ness, LORD, I need,; un - der - stand! In the choic - es I must make; bring me through: so with all your saints I say,

System 3: Chords: Esus, E7, A, D. Lyrics: make your gra - cious pro - mise known: God my ref - uge; for my guilt is great in - deed; ev - en great - er; show my heart the way to take, so that I may; "Be my strength and shield to - day." Since I know you

System 4: Chords: G, D, Bm, Em, D/A, A, D. Lyrics: and my hope, your pro - tect - ive care I claim.; is your love—mer - cy more than I can tell.; al - ways tread on the path which you have planned.; hear my prayer, LORD, I glad - ly trust in you.

Psalm 25 - Lord, I Gladly Trust

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

The Second Reading:

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:1-13

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Gradual Hymn - Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise

Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first three 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 Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Matthew 21:23-32

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. Stuart Mennigke

Time for Reflection*Please stand as you are able.****Common Worship Affirmation of Faith E12*** (cf Ephesians 3)

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
 from whom every family
 in heaven and on earth is named.
 We believe in God the Son,
 who lives in our hearts through faith,
 and fills us with his love.
 We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
 who strengthens us
 with power from on high.
 We believe in one God;
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 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. We pray for Shawn our Priest-in-charge, and for our guest celebrant Stuart. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For Patrick our former Rector. For 127 Society for Housing – Ms Joan Seidl, President; St. Barnabas, New Westminster - The Reverend Matthew Nichiporuk, The Reverend Martha Cameron, The Reverend Neil Seedhouse. 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

-Attributed to 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, Brena Polky, Jane Bartell, Bradley, Roquia, and everyone who is in our hearts.

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: Richard White Eagle, Christine Williams, Mercy and Kingsley Agyeman, 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 Although the doors were shut,
 and the disciples were afraid,
 our Lord Jesus Christ said "Peace be with you."

 "May the peace of Christ be always 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

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We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate will be brought forward to be blessed.

Offertory Hymn - How Great Thou Art

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 Eternal God,

**All in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people
gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our 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.

St. John's has an open table, where 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

- **Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**
- **Here Is The Bread**
- **Let All Creation Bless 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.

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, the bread of Heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation.

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 table is cleared.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Father in Heaven,

**All strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfill your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Dismissal

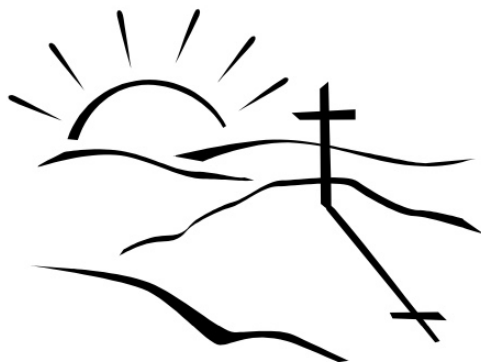
Celebrant

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

There are six official colours in the Anglican Church, depending on the season and theme of the service. Today the colour is green, which ties in with life, renewal and creation. Green is the most common colour during the year, used during "ordinary time".

Word Play

How many words can you find using the letters in:

C H U R C H C O L O U R S

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

Prayer Candle

We all have a hope for a better world, or a happier life, or for healing for a loved one. We lit the prayer candle for you - who are you praying for today?



Draw a Picture

Since the colour for today is green, and it is the Season of Creation, draw your favourite green thing in nature - a frog, cricket, tree, etc.