

# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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#### **WELCOME**

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. There are candles in the Chapel for those who wish to light one and say a prayer at any time before and during the service. We ask that you please turn off all cell phones and pagers. After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to 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, and find ways to get involved and have fun!

**Sunday School** is not in session during the summer months but will resume Sept. 7! All families with children, please help yourself to the baggies with craft supplies located at the main entrance of the church. Children are welcome to use these supplies during the service and take home whatever they make! Happy Summer!

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Musician: Galina Martyniouk, piano and organ

Choir Director: Christie Smith
Clarinet: Deborah Foster
Liturgical Deacon: Kingsley Agyeman
Crucifer: Jessica Mensah
Server: Hazel Breakey

Readers: Marilyn Chotem, Leeann Price

Intercessor/Prayers of the People: Carolyn Iker

Eucharistic Administrators: Marilyn Chotem, Flo Legebokow,

Madeline Cooper, Allison Mulligan

Greeter: Marilyn Chotem

# 505 Be Thou My Vision



# 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.

#### The Collect

Celebrant

O God,

All

the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal,

that we lose not the things eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Proclamation of the Word

**The First Reading:** read by Marilyn Chotem A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Genesis 29: 15-28

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

All Amen.

#### Psalm 105: 1-11, 45c

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world. He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac, Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah!

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## The Second Reading: read by Leeann Price

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 26-39

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

All Amen.

**Gradual Hymn** All stand for the Gospel. Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.



## The Gospel—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

All stand for the Gospel. Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.

Liturgical Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Liturgical Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Liturgical Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the second half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.

#### **Sermon** The Reverend Patrick Blaney

#### Time for Reflection

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 forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

# Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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# **Prayers of the People** (cont.)

**The Church:** Bishop Melissa, Archbishop John, Fred our Primate, and Patrick our Priest; St. Luke, Hualien, Mr. Joseph M.R. Wu, Deacon; St. Anne, Steveston, Rev. Brian Vickers; St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, Rev. Gary Hamblin; Rev. Ka Hyun MacKenzie Shin; St. Stephen, West Vancouver, Rev. Trevor Fisher.

**The Local Community:** City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

**The World:** Lord, make me an instrument of Thy 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; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Those in Need**: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith Community: Anna, Berna, Jim W., Joan T., June, Wendy, Moyra, Rose, Tess, Marie, Jim, Gail, Gary D., Peggy, Pilar, Nadia, Frances T., Dianne & James, Connie, Alexandra V, Bruce & Ann, Ingrid, Zina, and Olga, Richard, & Romilda.

**The Dearly Departed:** Those dear to us who are forever in our hearts.

**In Thanksgiving**: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Raf & Margaret Ellis, Brent, Susan, Ben & Emily Ewing, Gayle Fearnley, Zinaida Fedulova, Rob & Beatrice Ferguson, Kayla Sarah, & Krista Breitkreutz, and Elsie Fleming.

#### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners

and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,

confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

#### The Peace

We stand as we are able and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All And also with you.

#### Offertory Hymn



# The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the deacon or celebrant before the altar.

## The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of grace,

All accept all we offer you this day,

as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving / Eucharistic Prayer 4

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
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,

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Cive we today over daily by

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 for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: "I am the bread which has come down from

heaven," says the Lord.

All Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

#### The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion at this table. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Anyone desiring a blessing should fold their arms across their chest after receiving communion, as an indication to the priest.

# **Communion Hymns**



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: John L. Bell Textand music © 1995 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. TAKE ME AS I AM

CHURCH IN THE WORLD



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#### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant God of grace,

All we have received the memorial

of the death and resurrection of your Son.

May your love, poured into us,

bring us to your promises.

We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus

Christ. Amen.

#### **Announcements**

#### The Doxology

Celebrant Almighty 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

#### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 565 thou great Je - ho - vah,\* pil-grim through this bar - ren land. 2 Op - en now the crys - tal foun-tain whence the heal - ing stream doth flow; 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx-ious fears sub-side; hold me with thy power-ful hand. am weak, but thou art might-y; pil - lar lead me all my jour-ney through. the fire and cloud - y death of death, and hell's des-truc-tion, land me safe on Ca- naan's side: of heav - en, feed me till want no Bread of heav - en, bread Ι de - liv - erer, thou still my strength and Strong de - liv - erer, strong Ъe will ev - er songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, Ι give



## Dismissal

Liturgical Deacon Go forth into the world,

Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.