

Morning Prayer

Sunday, July 5, 2020 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Officiant: The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard

Preacher: The Rev'd Fr. Harold Shepherd

Organist & Cantor: Damien Macedo

Prelude **Iste Confessor (Thomas Tallis)**

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Venite *Psalm 95.1-7*
Officiant The Lord is our refuge and strength:
People **O come, let us worship.**

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord;
All **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

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People **O come, let us worship.**

Hymn *Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness (447)* BLAENWERN

Lord, we hear you word with gladness: you have spoken – we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom – help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!

You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then as living letters, we must make our gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Reader A reading from the book of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-15

Please join on the alternating (bolded) verses of the psalm.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹ **The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.**

¹⁰ All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹ **They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;**

¹² That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

¹⁴ The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵ **The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but

the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle A Song from Ezekiel

Officiant I will take you from the nations,
All **and gather you from every country,
and bring you home to your own land.
I will pour clean water upon you,
purify you from all defilement,
and cleanse you from all your idols.**

**A new heart I will give you,
and put a new spirit within you;
I will take from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will put my spirit within you,
make you walk in my ways
and observe my decrees.**

**You shall dwell in the land
I gave to your forebears;
you shall be my people
and I will be your God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Apostles Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

*We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts.
Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.
We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish.
Instructions for submitting contributions can be found in the announcements.*

Officiant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Prayers

Intercessions

Allan Stokell

Leader Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer." O Lord, guard and direct your church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach us to use creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. I invite you now to offer your own prayers and petitions to God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Collect

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Officiant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (508)*

KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude **Toccatà on Kingsfold**

Announcements

Contributing Financially

There are three ways you can contribute financially to the parish:

1. By cheque, made payable to 'St John the Baptist Norway Anglican Church' and mailed to: 470 Woodbine Ave South, Toronto, Ontario, M4E 2H6.
2. Donate online through CanadaHelps.org. A link can be found on the main page of the parish website (stjohnsnorway.com).
3. Pre-authorized Debit (PAD). If you wish to sign-up for automatic monthly withdrawals, please contact the wardens.

Tax receipts are issued for all gifts after year-end.

Weekly Online/Dial-in Bible Study – Final Session this Thursday! at 1PM

This coming Thursday, July 8th (1:00 PM) Fr. Jeffry and Fr. Benjamin will be holding the final bible study before we take a break for the summer. All you need to participate is a bible and a computer or phone. To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608). – **PASSWORD: 077686**

Youth Ministry – Summer Break!

From now until September, our youth ministry will take a summer break so that youth and leaders alike can enjoy a rest and come back refreshed.

Ministries for Children

For children, our Sunday School coordinator Elisabeth Westberg is hosting weekly lessons on Zoom, beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. For information about how to connect over Zoom, please email Elisabeth directly at youth@stjohnsnorway.com.

Weekly Happy almost-an-Hour – Fridays at 5PM (continuing through July and August)

On Fridays at 5:00 PM, we are holding "Happy almost-an-Hour!" Grab some snacks, tune into Zoom, and catch up with other parishioners! To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608). – **PASSWORD: 077686**

Suspension of public worship in church buildings to last until September

In a letter to parishes sent out last week, the Toronto bishops have extended the suspension of public worship in buildings to last until at least September. This upholds the decision in the letter from the Ontario House of Bishops that was distributed the previous week. Dial-in and virtual worship will continue through the summer months until worship in the church building resumes.

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