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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost The Birth of St. John the Baptist Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM – Sunday, June 27th, 2021

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Molly Finlay Reader & Intercessor: Lo Cook Music Director: Cara Halpin Soloist: Kristian Lo

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1, 2, 4) (CP 430)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open,

all desires 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

All Almighty God,

you called John the Baptist

to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way.

Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the

openness to hear your will,

that we too may witness to Christ's coming

and so prepare his way;

through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John." They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name." Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him. His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

(Luke 1:57-80)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:7-13

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had

been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said, "Why bother the teacher anymore?" Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

(Mark 5:21-43)

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reflection

The Rev. Molly Finlay

Music (solo)

Your Name (Paul Baloche)

What We Believe

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and

life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the

people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

Celebrant This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Confession and Prayer of Pardon

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the

darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

All We confess to you, Heavenly Father,

how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others.

We look out for our own needs and concerns,

failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes.

Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts. Show us how we can only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away.

Work in us the power of your Holy Spirit

so we become more like you

and so bring glory to our Father in heaven.

This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Celebrant Merciful God,

grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;

that we may be cleansed from all our sins

and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We exchange a sign of God's peace to one another, with a smile or peace sign. No hugs or handshakes for now.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Invitation to Offering

We at St John the Baptist Norway give sacrificially and proportionately to God's work in 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. To submit a contribution online, please follow this link.

If you wish to donate in person or to sign up for pre-authorized giving, you may contact our Parish Administrator Edward via e-mail or phone during Church Office Hours listed on the back of the order of service. Thank you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.
People God of our salvation,

accept all we offer you this day,

and free us to worship you without fear, in holiness and righteousness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,

because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and rejected.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,

Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

People 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from

heaven," says the Lord.

People Give us this bread for ever.

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

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

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People Thanks be to God!

We invite you at home to join in saying the following:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Loving and gracious God, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.

Let nothing separate me from you;

let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,

I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

We thank you, Lord,

for your word and your table

which give us the knowledge of salvation.

Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn;

guide now our feet into the way of peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

Doxology

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

Announcements

Closing Hymn God, Who Touchest Earth with Beauty (verses 1, 2, 3, 5) (CP 422)

God who touchest earth with beauty, make my heart anew; With thy Spirit recreate me, pure and strong and true.

Like thy springs and running waters, make me crystal pure; Like thy rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure. Like thy dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free; Like the straightness of the pine trees, let me upright be.

God who touchest earth with beauty, make my heart anew; With thy Spirit recreate me, pure and strong and true.

Dismissal

Celebrant So now go in peace, remember the poor,

be kindly affectioned one to another!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music

The flowers on the altar are given by Jane Roberts to the glory of God and in loving memory of her two grandmothers Ethel Roberts and Frances McArthur.

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Land Acknowledgement

The land we are standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

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