



# ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE BEACHES

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Holy Eucharist

### 10:30 AM – Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev. Molly Finlay

*Intercessor:* Yohan Dumpala

*Reader:* Katya Park

*Music Director:* Cara Halpin

*Soloist:* Tara Baxendale

Prelude Music

*All' Elevazione (D. Zipoli)*

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (verses 1, 3, 4) (CP 1)*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

*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 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* Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
you call your Church to witness  
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may turn to you;  
through 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 Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*(James 3:1-12)*

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

## Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*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.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." *(Mark 8:27-38)*

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Molly Finlay

Music (solo)

*Like the murmur of the dove's song* (Alan Smith)

### The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant*

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.

### The Prayers of the People

#### 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*  
*All*

Most merciful God,  
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. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**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 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 can to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found on our website. If you wish to donate in person or sign up for pre-authorized giving, you may contact our Parish Administrator Edward via e-mail or telephone using the information listed on the back of our bulletin. Thank you.*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Holy God,  
accept all we offer you this day.  
May we who are reconciled at this table  
bring wholeness to our broken world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
*People* 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*

It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
male and female you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All*

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
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."

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*All*

*Celebrant* Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*People* **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 who are joining us at home to say the following:*

*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.*

*Soloist* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
God of peace,  
in this eucharist we have been reconciled  
to you and to our neighbours.  
May we who have been nourished by holy things  
always have the courage to forgive.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (verses 1, 2, 4) (CP 429)

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude Music**

*Psalm of Glory (Lani Smith)*

### **To Reach Us**

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Cemetery Supervisor: Robert Turvey (416) 691-2965

## 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.*

### Announcements

#### Alpha

Last chance to sign up for Alpha! Join Molly and a fabulous group of lay leaders for our 6-week hybrid **Alpha program starting September 14 at 7pm** in person for fellowship and learning. After our first week we will move online for 4 weeks and wrap up with an in-person session. Visit the Welcome Desk, sign up on our website or call 416-691-4560 to register!

#### Handbells

We are looking for a few more ringers for our new Handbell Choir! Rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary on **Thursday evenings from 7-9pm beginning on September 23rd**. No experience is necessary. We would love to have you join us! For more information, please contact our Music Director, Cara Halpin at [music@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:music@stjohnsnorway.com) or leave a message with the office at 416-691-4560.

#### Induction Service

Please visit the Welcome Desk, our website or call 416-691-4560 to register for our **Induction Service for Molly with Bishop Kevin on September 26 at 4pm**. Space is limited and you won't want to miss this special occasion!

#### Federal Election Virtual Candidate Meeting

St. John's is part of a group of faith communities in the riding of Beaches-East York that are combining to host a virtual candidate meeting in the federal election. Representatives of all the major parties have agreed to take questions from the churches and from the online audience. The meeting is on Tuesday, September 14, 7-9pm on ZOOM. You can join online by finding the link on our homepage or in our News & Events section.

## St. John's minister uses technology to reach out

Molly was interviewed by one of our lovely parishioners Christina Blizzard for an **article in Beach Metro News!** Pick up a hard copy on our Welcome Desk or visit our website for a link to the article.

Visit [www.stjohnsnorway.com](http://www.stjohnsnorway.com) under "News & Events"  
for the latest news at St. John's Norway

Church Office Hours  
Monday to Friday - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



**Notes**