



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE BEACHES



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

We are so glad to have you worship with us!

*We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.*



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Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM – Sunday, March 20, 2022

Officiant: The Rev. Molly Finlay

Preacher: Will Postma, Executive Director PWRDF

Reader: Andrea Cox

Intercessor: Allan Stokell

Music Director: Cara Halpin

Choir Leads: Tara Baxendale, Vivien Illion

Prelude

Elevation (Felix-Alexandre Guilmant)

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn

CP 649 - *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (verses 1, 2, 4)

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
Father of mercy,
alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.
When we are discouraged by our weakness,
strengthen us to follow Christ,
our pattern and our hope;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. *(Isaiah 55:1-9)*

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

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel is carried down the centre aisle into the midst of the people gathered, as a symbol of God's sending out of Jesus—who is the “Word made flesh” into the world.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" (Luke 13:1-9)

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

During Lent, there will be a time of silence for reflection following the Sermon.

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.

(Please sit or kneel for prayer)

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 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. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

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. You may be seated after the sharing of The Peace.*

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.
If you wish to donate in person or sign up for pre-authorized giving,
you may contact the Church Office via e-mail or telephone
using the information listed on the back of our bulletin.
Thank you.*

(Please stand)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God,
 we know your power to triumph over weakness.
 May we who ask forgiveness
 be ready to forgive one another,
 in the name of Jesus 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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we 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 and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.
Amen.

People

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 We break this bread,
All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
All **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.

Communion Music

Litany to the Holy Spirit (Peter Hurford)
Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (David Evans)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on Holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
God of mercy and forgiveness,
may we who share this sacrament
live together in unity and peace,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant

All

Glory to God,
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

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn

CP 178 - Restore in Us, O God

Restore in us, O God,
the splendour of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfil
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

O Divine Redeemer (Charles Gounod)

St. John's This Week

Tuesday Lenten Discipleship Course in the Sanctuary 7pm
Wednesday Mid-Week Holy Eucharist in the Chapel 12pm
Thursday Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 7-9pm

Announcements & Events

Welcome to St. John's Norway

No matter where you find yourself on your journey of faith, **you are so welcome to be here with us!** We are a community of people—young and old, from all backgrounds and walks of life, who are learning to follow Jesus. We ask questions, don't avoid the tough issues that life presents, and we want to love our neighbours. Please **[fill out a Welcome Card online](#)**. We would love to hear from you!

Welcome Will Postma

We are delighted to welcome Will who is the Executive Director of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, as our guest preacher this morning. Will Postma has served as Executive Director of PWRDF since June 2016. He came to PWRDF from a long career working in non-governmental organizations. His international experience includes Save the Children Canada where he served as Director of Programs and then Vice President of Programs and Global Partnerships, World Vision Canada, and CARE International, managing collaborative programs invested in quality health, education and income generation. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief.



With the support of Anglicans across Canada, PWRDF partners with organizations working to increase healthy pregnancies and births, reduce gender inequality, relieve hunger and break the cycle of poverty in the world's most vulnerable communities. Against a backdrop of climate change, PWRDF strives to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

Almsgiving for Lent

We will be learning more about this Lenten discipline during the 40 days of Lent, but we invite you to **consider giving alms in two ways**: first, **to our own Food Pantry**, and the items we are looking for are listed below. Secondly, as a parish we are going to **contribute to an Indigenous fund through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**. This fund supports Indigenous-led groups working to provide clean water, as well as improve access to healthcare, engage youth and take climate action, right here in Canada. We invite you to prayerfully consider a meaningful donation and you can make your cheque payable to St. John's Norway marked PWRDF. These are good ways that we can keep a Holy Lent through almsgiving.

St. John's Food Pantry

St. John's Food Pantry is open weekly **Mondays from 10am-noon** but we need your help! We are in need of the following supplies:

- Tinned tuna and chicken
- Sardines
- Tinned fruit
- Soups
- Pasta sauce
- Stews
- Beans
- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Instant oatmeal packets



If you would like to help out by joining our roster, please contact Joanne Hincks at joanne.hincks@gmail.com.

Choir

If you would like to join in this wonderful ministry, please contact Cara at music@stjohnsnorway.com or call her at [416-712-7922](tel:416-712-7922) for more details.

Memorial Flowers

If anyone wishes to give flowers to the glory of God and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of a loved one, please [email the office](#) for more information.

Small Groups at St. John's

At St. John's, many of our people meet during the week for prayer, bible study, and fellowship. If you are interested in this life-giving ministry please [email the office](#).



Notes

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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