



# ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

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## 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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# **Fifth Sunday in Easter**

## **Family Eucharist**

### **10:30 AM – Sunday, April 28, 2024**

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Molly Finlay  
*Preacher & Chalice Bearer:* Bridget Brain  
*Subdeacon:* John Quaggin  
*Reader:* Henry Moss  
*Intercessor:* Georgia Robinson  
*Server:* Scarlett Hames  
*Music Director:* Cara Halpin  
*Soloists:* Kathy Haddadkar, Tarquin Wongkee, Daniel Rojas

#### **Prelude Music**

#### **Welcome & Gathering of the Community**

*(Please stand)*

#### **Opening Hymn**                      **CP 355 - All Creatures of our God and King (verses 1, 3, 7)**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun and golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness,  
alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

### **Easter Greeting**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.  
*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*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,  
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
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 First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4:7-21)

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

*(Please join in singing)*

**Psalm 22:24-30**

*Choir* His is the kingdom, his of right;  
he rules the nations by his might.  
All earth to him her homage brings,  
the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

**Refrain:**

All earth to him her homage brings,  
the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

*All* **Both rich and poor, both bond and free  
shall worship him on bended knee,  
and children's children shall proclaim  
the glorious honour of his name. [Refrain]**

**The Lord's unfailing righteousness  
all generations shall confess;  
from age to age they shall be taught  
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought. [Refrain]**

*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.*

**All** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Gospeller** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**Gospeller** Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. *(John 15:1-8)*

**Gospeller** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**All** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Reflection**

**Bridget Brain**

## What We Believe

*Please join us in reciting the Shema. This is a Jewish prayer that serves as a centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services, as well as in our own Anglican tradition in the Book of Common Prayer. The word "Shema" is a command to listen. When we pray this together to God, we do not mean for him simply to hear the words being prayed and consider his task finished. On the contrary, we call for him to respond, to act, to do something with our hearts' desires.*

*All*            **Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

*(Please sit or kneel for prayer)*

## The Prayers of the People

## The Confession

*Celebrant* We cannot earn God's grace or favor.  
It comes to us, not as something owed,  
but as a gift freely given.  
Confident in God's love for us,  
even when we are ungodly,  
we confess our sins in faith.

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Gracious God, we come before you  
in need of forgiveness and grace.  
You call us to trust in you completely,  
but we do not.  
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.  
We justify our actions and words,  
though we know they are not what you require.  
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,  
preferring old habits to risky change.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Help us to be born anew into the life of Christ,  
trusting that you have included us by grace  
in the family of faith.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## Prayer of Pardon

*Celebrant* Friends, God is for us and not against us!  
For that very reason,  
God sent the Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.  
Believe the good news,  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*All* **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

*Sharing “peace” with one another is an ancient Christian tradition, not only in the words of Jesus, but also in the practices of the Christian community. Passing the peace began as a way for people in the Christian community to be reconciled to one another before making their offering at the altar. It is for this reason that the Peace always comes before Communion. We impart the Peace of Christ with one another when we greet each other in this meaningful way.*

*(Please remain standing and join in singing)*

## **Offertory Music            10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (Matt R., arr. by Heather S.)**

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes

### **Chorus:**

Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find **[Chorus]**

And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore **[Chorus]**

# 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 online through Canada Helps, please scan the QR code and follow the link. To sign up for pre-authorized giving, you may contact the Church Office at [admin@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:admin@stjohnsnorway.com) or call us at 416-691-4560. Thank you!*



*(Please stand)*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant*

Gracious God,  
you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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, 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* Behold what you are.  
*All* **May we become what we receive.**

## The Communion

*Celebrant* So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

*CP 690 - Lamb of God*

*All* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*We are pleased to now offer communion in both kinds—the bread and wine.  
You are welcome to take a small sip of wine from the chalice server,  
guiding the cup with your hand, or you can simply pass the cup by.  
Please know that you are receiving full communion with the bread alone.*

### **Communion Music**

**CP 360 – Bless the Lord, My Soul**

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.

### **The Wonderful Cross (Chris Tomlin)**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

#### **Chorus:**

Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross  
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;  
all who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown? **[Chorus]**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all. **[Chorus]**

*(Please stand)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
God of love,  
in this eucharist we have heard your truth  
and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* **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**

*(Please stand)*

## Closing Hymn

CP 371 - To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, who great things has done!  
God so loved the world freely sending the Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give God the glory! Who great things has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God:  
that when the offender repenting believes,  
through Jesus' Atonement God's pardon receives. **[Refrain]**

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

### Dismissal

*Leader* So now go in peace, remember the poor,  
be kindly affectioned one to another! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude Music

## St. John's This Week

Today	The Table in the Sanctuary 5pm
Tuesday	Discipleship Tuesdays in the Lower Hall 7pm
Wednesday	Mid-Week Eucharist in the Chapel 12noon
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 7pm – 9pm
Saturday	Calligraphy Workshop in the Lower Hall 2pm – 4pm
Sunday	The Table in the Sanctuary 5pm

### 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!

### St. John's Food Pantry would love your help!

A huge thank you for your continuing support of our food pantry through your generous donations of non-perishable food items. **Right now, in particular, we are in most need of soup, tinned beans (eg. navy, kidney, chick pea, etc.), tinned fruit, tinned meat, peanut butter and jam.**

### Choir

The choir rehearses at 7pm on Thursdays in our beautiful church. We are always looking for new members! If you are interested please contact Cara at [music@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:music@stjohnsnorway.com) or call her at [416-712-7922](tel:416-712-7922) for more details.

### Norway Needlework Group

The Norway Needlework Group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30PM in the Prideaux Room. Anyone can join and there will be free knitting and crochet lessons as well. Come and see!

### Save the Date – Feast of the Ascension, Mother's Day, and Bishop Kevin Service

On **Sunday May 12 at 10:30AM**, Bishop Kevin Robertson will be visiting our church to preside and preach for Ascension Sunday. May 12 is also Mother's Day, so bring your mother or maternal figure in your life to church too! Come and see!

# SUNDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S



**THE TABLE**

**5:00 pm**

Relaxed and contemporary,  
with an opportunity to explore  
the life of faith together, followed  
by a simple community supper

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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 distinct 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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