









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.



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM – Sunday, October 5, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Molly Finlay
Deacon: The Rev. John Quaggin
Reader: Jeffrey Kentner
Intercessor: Jonathan Slater
Chalice Bearer: Liz Warman
Server: Christine Ivy

Lay Anointers: Kathryn Kern, Janice Yorke

Music Director: Declan Tse

Soloists: Zyion Stephens, Tarquin Wongkee, Daniel Rojas, Hassan Khan

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one. CP 60 - I Come with Joy (verses 1, 3, 5)

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,

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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 have built your Church

on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word The Reading

Reader

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

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

Psalm 137

Choir By the Babylonian rivers

we sat down in grief and wept; hung our harps upon the willow, mourned for Zion when we slept.

All There our captors in derision

did require of us a song; so we sat with staring vision, and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land; can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God, help your holy band.

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, "I repent", you must forgive.'

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

(Luke 17:1-10)

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Sermon The Rev. Molly Finlay

(Please stand)

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 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.

(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 Hymn

CP 508 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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 say, "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.

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 or call us at 416-691-4560. Thank you!



(Please stand)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of truth,

receive all we offer you this day.

Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern

of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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: uniquely in love 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.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 of life", says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People Taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are they who trust in him!

The Communion

Celebrant 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 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.

We are pleased to 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.

Our parish lay anointers are available for prayer and anointing in the Chapel during Communion. Once you receive communion, if you would like, please move directly to the chapel for this ministry of healing. The Church's ministry to the sick and those in distress is based on Jesus' constant concern and care for those in need. Our Lay Anointers have been trained and appointed by the Diocese in this life-giving healing ministry.

If you require more in depth pastoral care, please speak to a member of the Ministry Team following the service.

Communion Music

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (D. Evans) Ubi Caritas et Amor (Taizé)

Latin

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est. Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God,

may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist

English

remain in your steadfast love,

and show in our lives

the saving mystery that we celebrate.

This we ask 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 577 - God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 1, 2, 4)

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

Announcements & Events

St. John's This Week

Today Blessing of the Animals Service 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

Sunday Harvest Sunday In-Person & Livestream Holy Eucharist Service

in the Sanctuary 10:30am

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!

Choir

The choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary. We are always looking for new members! If you're interested, please contact Declan at music@stjohnsnorway.com 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!

St. John's Food Pantry

We are happy to be able keep the pantry running year round. We are able to offer our neighbours in need a variety of non-perishable food items. These items are laid out on tables and patrons can select up to eight items each week. Thanks so much to our volunteers and to all of you for your continuing and generous donations. At this time we are most in need of juices, fruit cups, tinned fruit, baked beans and tuna fish. However, all non perishable items are welcome.

Employer Partnership Opportunity with Yonge Street Mission

Tom Abel has been working with Yonge Street Mission (YSM) since the beginning of the summer to generate employment opportunities for community members. YSM's innovative workforce development program that assists job seekers who are skilled and motivated but face systemic barriers to the job market. Our employer partners speak highly of the pre-screening and job retention supports YSM provides to workers who come through our program. They also appreciate the opportunity to give back to the community by partnering with one of Toronto's most respected anti-poverty organizations. Do you know of an employer who would be interested in partnering with YSM? If so, please speak with Tom after the service!

East End Refugee Committee Karaoke Fundraiser

We need donations of items or services for our fundraiser. Do you have a pair of tickets to an event you cannot attend? A service you can offer? Gift cards you are not using? If so, please consider donating them for our East End Refugee Committee fundraiser on Saturday, November 8. Contact Joanne Hincks or Katya Park with your donations.

Taizé Evening Prayer Service November 1st at St. Basil's Church

An ecumenical evening of prayer with Brother Émile from the Taizé Community in France, from 6 pm to 8 pm with Christian communities in the University of Toronto., St. Basil's Church, 50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto. For more information: Sonal Castelino s.castelino@utoronto.ca.

Decorating the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday

Join the Chancel Guild Saturday October 11 at 9:30AM to help decorate the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday! If you would like to donate decorative squashes, gourds, or funds for flowers, you can drop them off at the church during office hours or bring them on Saturday. For more information or to sign up, call Marion at (416) 694-6248.



HONEY SALE OCTOBER 5!

On Sunday, October 5th after our 10:30AM Service, Eugene will be selling honey at the Welcome Desk!

Price List:
250 g for \$7
350 g for \$10
100g (approx.) comb honey for \$5

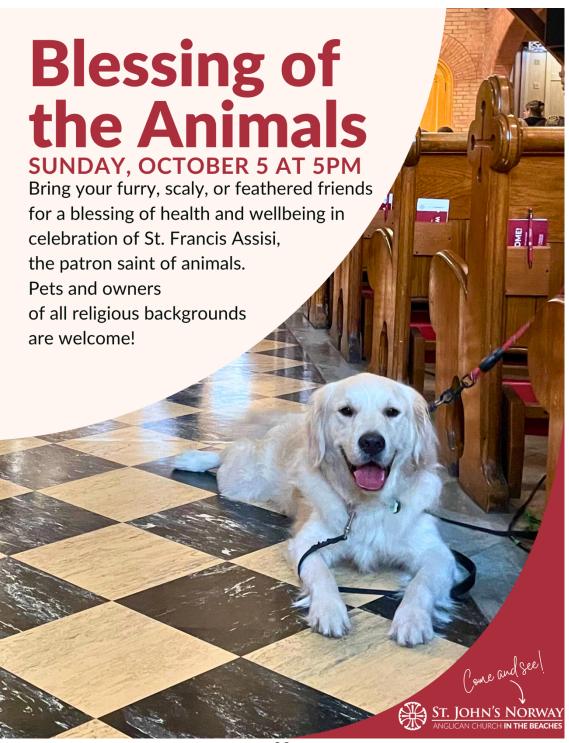
If you have any jars from prior honey sales, bring them in and receive a \$1 rebate on your jar of honey!

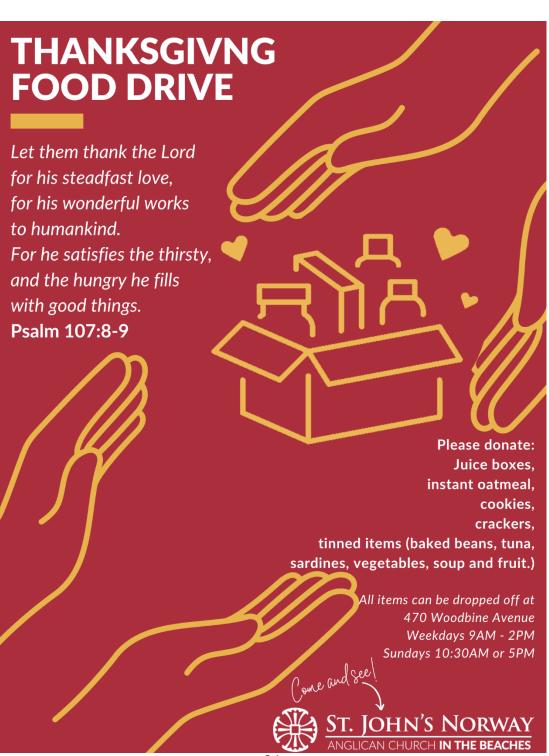
All proceeds go towards St. John's Norway's

Youth Group activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Eugene at hugepark@gmail.com.











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 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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