

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.



Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 10:30 AM - Sunday, October 12, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Molly Finlay Deacon & Intercessor: The Rev. John Quaggin

Reader: Michelle Monteith

Chalice Bearers: Susan Bennett, Christine Ivy

Server: Scarlett Hames Music Director: Declan Tse

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

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn

CP 258 – We Plough the Fields and Scatter

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter. the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

[Refrain]

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love

We begin with a prelude. which sets a praverful mood. followed by a hymn in procession. All the people gathered sing and speak with one voice, transforming themselves from a group of individuals into a single congregation gathered to praise God.

He only is the maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star. The winds and waves obey him; by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. [Refrain]

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts, and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts. [Refrain]

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

Creator of the fruitful earth,

you made us stewards of all things.

Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,

that the whole human family, today and in generations to come,

may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.

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

ΑII

Amen.

(Please be seated)

The collect (pronounced with stress on the first syllable) is a special prayer which "collects" the prayers of the whole community. They are written down (not improvised) and often use formal or poetic language. Many of the collects we pray are very ancient, while others were written more recently.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4:4-9*)

Reader People The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Soloist

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your own way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

From the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

The Book of Psalms is the ancient collection of sacred Hebrew songs. Jews, and later Christians. have been singing these songs continually for over two thousand years, translated into countless languages and sung to all sorts of melodies in all sorts of styles. They are so important to our worship that the entire Book of Psalms is printed in our prayer books (The Book of Common Prayer and The Book of **Alternative** Services).

As Christians, the teachings of Jesus recorded in the Gospels hold a central place in our faith, so we greet the Gospel in a special way. Often (but not alwavs) this means singing "Alleluia!"-a Latin version of a Hebrew word that means "Praise the Lord!" The four Gospels-Matthew. Mark. Luke. and Johnform the bedrock of what we know about Jesus. They were written in Greek between approximately 40 and 70 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. A reading from one of the Gospels is required at every Eucharist.

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 John.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him. 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them. 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and (John 6:25-35) whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith as we say,

ΑII

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

The Nicene Creed is named after the town of Nicaea (which is today known as Iznik in Turkey). In that town, the Emperor Constantine called a grand meeting of bishops from across the Christian world in the year 325 AD, in order to write a statement of faith that all Christians could affirm. Some of the more difficult to understand language of the Creed was meant to settle particular debates going on within Christianity at that time. For over 1,600 years, Christians throughout the world have been proclaiming these same words.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please sit or kneel for prayer)

The Prayers of the People

The communal confession of sin is a product of the Reformation. We say it together as we acknowledge our brokenness. The confession always leads into the absolution, as a gift offered freely to all.

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 A

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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

CP 425 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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 Source of all life,

the heaven and earth are yours,

yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love

which we offer you this day,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The word eucharist means "thanksgiving," so this part of the service is called the "Eucharistic Prayer" or "Great Thanksgiving." It encompasses everything from this opening dialogue through the Holy, holy, holy, and the Words of Institution as first uttered by Jesus at the Last Supper ("This is my body... this is the new covenant in my blood"), to the great "AMEN" at the very end. Sometimes the whole praver is chanted and sung. sometimes it is all spoken. Here at St. John's, we practice a blend of speaking the prayer and singing it at special feast

day services.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

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.

This song is known by the Latin titles of the two parts: Sanctus ("Holy") and Benedictus ("Blessed"), is a part of every Eucharistic Praver. The first part echoes the song of the angels who surround God's throne (Isaiah 6:3: Revelation 4:8). The second auotes the Psalm cried out by the throng who hailed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Psalm 118:25-26;

John 12:13).

All glory and honour are yours,

Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen.

We call the prayer beginning "Our Father" the Lord's Prayer because, according to the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, it was taught to the disciples by Jesus himself. However, the final sentence, ("For the kingdom, the power...") is a later, though still ancient,

addition to the

biblical prayer.

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 Creator of all,

you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered

and made into this one bread.

All So may your Church be gathered

from the ends of the earth

into your kingdom.

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.

Following the breaking of the bread, there is often a special song called the *Agnus Dei* or "Lamb of God" sung while the bread and wine are prepared for sharing.

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.

Communion Music

Look at the World (John Rutter)
I Am The Bread Of Life (Suzanne Toolan)

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger; he who believes in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

[Refrain]

And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and he who eats of this bread, he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever. [Refrain]

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. [Refrain]

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
He who believes in me
even if he die,
he shall live for ever. [Refrain]

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. [Refrain]

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of our hope,

in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.

Nourished in these holy mysteries

may we, with our lives,

give you continual thanks and praise.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn CP 262 - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (verses 1, 3, 4)

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied: come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offences purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there forever purified, in thy presence to abide: come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

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

Please note: the Church Office and Food Pantry will be closed

for Thanksgiving Monday.

Tuesday Discipleship Tuesdays in the Lower Hall 7pm Wednesday Mid-Week Eucharist in the Chapel 12noon Thursday Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 7pm

Sunday In-Person & Livestream Holy Eucharist Service

in the Sanctuary 10:30am

Fall Forum: St. John's Norway's Changing Neighbourhood

Over 175 Years after 10:30am service Table Service 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!

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

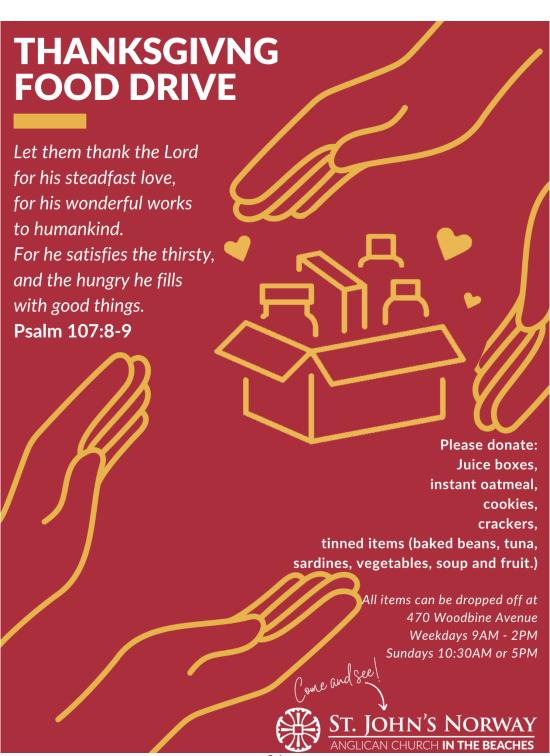
Tom Abel has been working with Yonge Street Mission (YSM) since the beginning of the summer to generate employment opportunities for community members. YSM's innovative workforce development program that assists job seekers who are skilled and motivated but face systemic barriers to the job market. Our 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.







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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