



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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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM – Sunday, August 9, 2026

Participating Clergy: The Rev'd Molly Finlay, The Rev'd Silvanus Singh

Subdeacon: Nathan Mani

Intercessor: Dr. Jonathan Slater

Chalice Bearer: Janice Habasinski

Music Director: Declan Tse

Soloist: Daniel Rojas

Guitarist: Edward Cockerton

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn

CP 444 – *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided* (verses 1, 2, 5)

Your hand, O God, has guided

your flock from age to age;

the wondrous tale is written,

full clear, on every page.

Our forebears owned your goodness,

and we their deeds record;

and both to this bear witness:

one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings

to greatest as to least;

they bade them rise, and hasten

to share the royal feast;

and this was all their teaching,

in every deed and word,

to all alike proclaiming

one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

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 sent your Holy Spirit
 to be the life and light of your Church.
 Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
 in love, joy, and peace;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Subdeacon A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

(Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28)

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45C

Soloist Praise the Lord, the day is won! Glory, hallelujah!
God for us great things has done. Sing, shout hallelujah!
Now let all the earth proclaim resurrection wonder;
in God's allenduring name, death is cast asunder!

Loosed from chains by bondage cast; glory, hallelujah!
God has freed our souls at last. Sing, shout hallelujah!
Slaves held captive for so long, scarred by sin and sadness,
lift anew their victory song, filled with joy and gladness!

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.

Gospel Acclamation (SJN Mass)



All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Soloist I am the light of the world says the Lord:
all who follow me shall have the light of light.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

(Matthew 14:22-33)

Priest The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (SJN Mass)



All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Soloist I am the light of the world says the Lord:
all who follow me shall have the light of light.
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Molly Finlay

(Please stand)

The Apostles' Creed

Priest 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 be seated 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;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to this 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.**

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 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 435 – *Take My Life, and Let It Be* (verses 1-3, 5)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Father,
 receive all we offer you this day,
 and grant that in this eucharist
 we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

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 We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

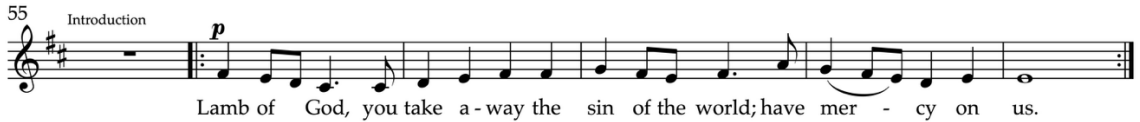
People **We, being many, are one body,**
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Agnus Dei (SJN Mass)



Sometimes your worst enemies turn out to be your brothers

I know you understand

'Cause I've got dreams that can seem to give me trouble [**Pre-Chorus**] [**Chorus**]

I wear my coat everywhere I go.

I wear my coat; I want the world to know. [**repeat x3**] [**Chorus**]

CP 549 – *Our Darkness Is Never Darkness* (Taizé)

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:

the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God,

grant to your Church the unity and peace

that we have tasted in this eucharist,

the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 527 – *How Firm a Foundation* (verses 1, 3, 5) (Tune: St. Denio)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose
I will not-I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never-no, never-no, never forsake!”

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

St. John's This Week

Today	Summer Forum – Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times – A Conversation with Dr. Jonathan Slater in the Lower Hall after 10:30am service
Wednesday	Mid-Week Eucharist in the Chapel 12noon Norway Needlework Group in the Prideaux Room 1pm – 2:30pm
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 found in your pew or online! We would love to hear from you!

St. John's Food Pantry

Thanks to the generosity of everyone at St John's, we are able to keep the pantry operating throughout the summer when most of the local lunch programs take an extended summer break. All donations of non-perishable food items are welcome but this week we are most in need of baked beans, juice, tinned fruits, peanut butter and hearty soups and stews.

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!

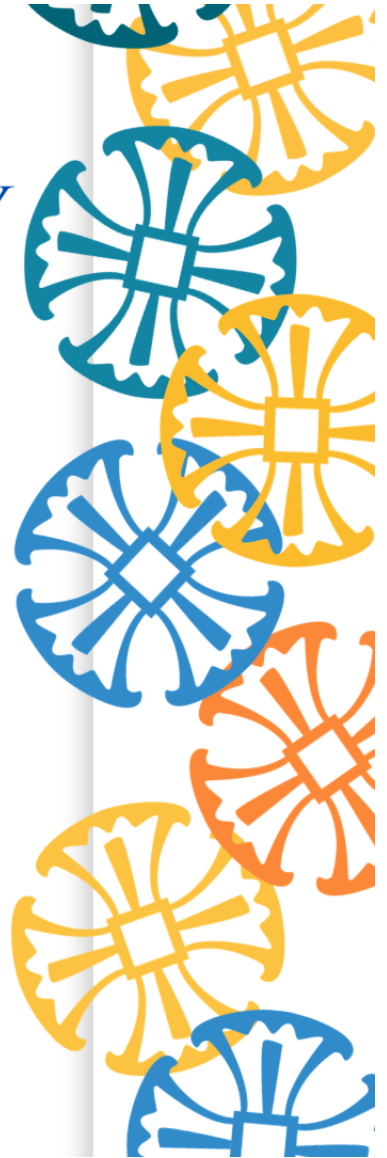
ST. JOHN'S NORWAY SUMMER FORUM

Sunday, August 9

*Cherished Belonging: The
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Divided Times -*

A conversation with
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JOIN US FOR

Welcome

SUNDAY



**SEPT.
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**Bouncy castle,
face painting,
and BBQ**

Free

Family friendly
worship at **10:30 am.**

Parking lot party starts at **11:30 am.**

All neighbours welcome!



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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