



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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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM – Sunday, July 19, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Molly Finlay

Deacon: The Rev'd John Quaggin

Reader: Sarah Simpson

Intercessor: Mary Miller

Chalice Bearer: Matthew Neugebauer

Music Director: Declan Tse

Soloist: Zyion Stephens

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn

CP 525 - *The Church's One Foundation* (verses 1, 2, 5)

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought us
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us,
and for our life he died.

Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One glorious name we hallow,
partake one holy food,
and to one hope we follow,
with every grace endued.

Yet we on earth have union
with God the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

(Isaiah 44:6-8)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

Soloist Lord, you have searched me out;
O Lord, you have known me;

You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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)

Joyfully
Introduction *mf*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**All
Soloist**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you O Lord of creation:
revealing your kingdom to the humble and weak.

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Deacon
People
Deacon
People**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

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

Gospel Acclamation (SJN Mass)



All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Soloist Blessed are you O Lord of creation:
 revealing your kingdom to the humble and weak.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Molly Finlay

(Please stand)

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon 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

Deacon 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.

Deacon 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 Music

How Deep the Father's Love for Us (S. Townend)

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant O God,
 accept our praise and thanksgiving.
 Help us in all we do
 to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
 through Jesus Christ 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,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

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 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 the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

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.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

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.

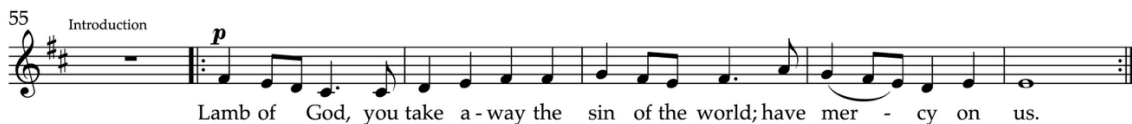
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.
People **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!

Agnus Dei (SJN Mass)



*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

Is He Worthy (Chris Tomlin)
The Kingdom of God (Taizé)

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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 576 – For the Healing of the Nations (verses 1, 2, 4)

For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music

St. John's This Week

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

We are happy that our dedicated roster of volunteers and the generosity of all of you enables us to operate the pantry year round, summer included. This is very much appreciated by our patrons, especially since 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 are sardines, baked beans, soups, pasta sauce, 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!

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SUMMER BOOK PICK



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SERVICE OF
HOLY EUCHARIST
ON THE BEACH!**

**AUGUST 3
COME AND
SEE!**

**WE WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT
7:45AM, WALK 20 MINUTES TOGETHER TO THE
LAKE AND THEN SHARE IN A SHORT SERVICE OF
COMMUNION. YOU CAN ALSO MEET US THERE!**

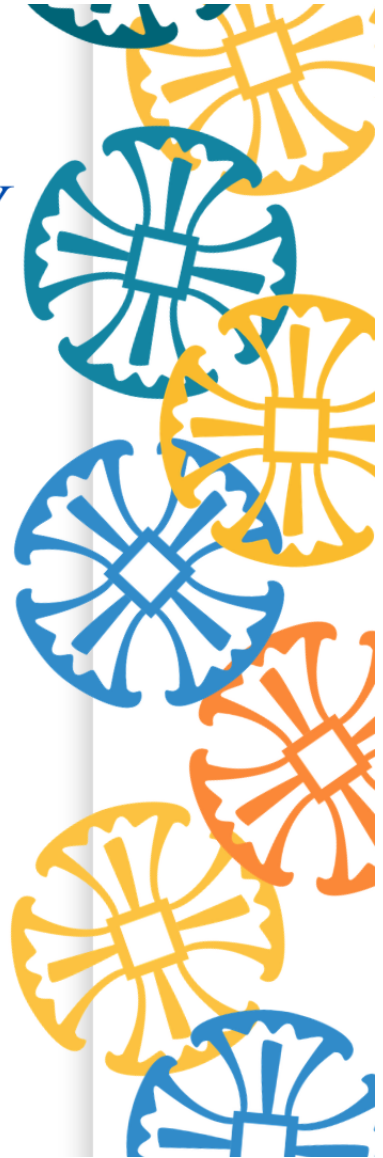
ST. JOHN'S NORWAY SUMMER FORUM

Sunday, August 9

*Cherished Belonging: The
Healing Power of Love in
Divided Times -*

A conversation with
Dr. Jonathan Slater

Come and see.



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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