



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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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Service

10:30 AM – Sunday, July 26, 2026

Preacher: Dr. Jonathan Slater
Officiant: The Rev'd John Quaggin
Readers: Michael Muir, Kathryn Kern
Music Director: Declan Tse
Soloist: Samuel Rothermal

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn CP 393 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (verses 1, 3, 4)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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

Officiant Let us pray.
O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Michael A reading from the first Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

(1 Kings 3:5-12)

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

Psalm 105:1-11, 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 all-enduring 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!

As God's Spirit moved the sea;
glory, hallelujah!
set our hearts at liberty.
Sing, shout hallelujah!
In our darkest, dreadful day,
crushed by grief and mourning;
God will roll the stone away,
radiant love adorning.

Kathryn

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:26-39)

**Kathryn
People**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 The Word of God came and lived here among us:
so all who believe might be the children of God.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

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

Gospel Acclamation (SJN Mass)

Joyfully
Introduction *mf*

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

The introduction is written on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest for the first measure. The melody starts in the second measure with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note G4. The third measure contains a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The fourth measure has a half note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The fifth measure features a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4. The sixth measure consists of a half note C5, a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The seventh measure has a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note E4. The eighth measure contains a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The piece concludes with a final whole note D3 in the ninth measure.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Soloist The Word of God came and lived here among us:
so all who believe might be the children of God.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Sermon

Dr. Jonathan Slater

Musical Reflection

***The Lord is My Shepherd* (Howard Goodall)**

(Please stand)

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant 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

Officiant 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.

Officiant
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.

Officiant

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

Officiant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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 Song

Here I Am, Lord (Dan Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept with love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **[Refrain]**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **[Refrain]**

Doxology

Officiant

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

Officiant

All

May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Announcements

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn

CP 384 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (verses 1, 2, 6)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music

St. John's This Week

Wednesday **Service of the Word** 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

The generous corporate donation of food supplies received earlier this year, has now been distributed to our community clients. The pantry is now in need of all types of non-perishable foods. In particular, donations of the following will be most appreciated: canned tuna, tinned fruit and juices, canned vegetables, beans and soups. Thank you for your ongoing support of this community ministry.

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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BEACH COMMUNION



**JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL EARLY
MORNING
SERVICE OF
HOLY EUCHARIST
ON THE BEACH!**

**AUGUST 5
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!**

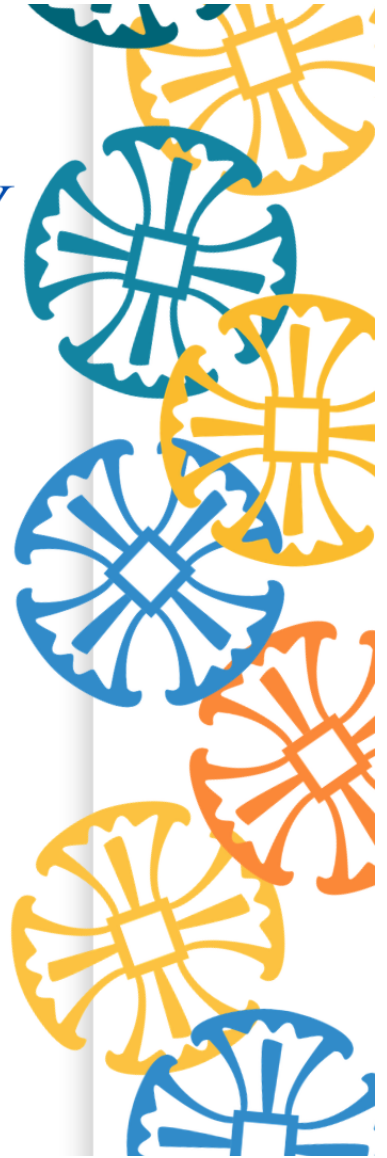
ST. JOHN'S NORWAY SUMMER FORUM

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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