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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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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM – Sunday, June 28, 2026

Celebrant: The Rev'd Molly Finlay

Preacher: Dr. Jonathan Slater

Deacon: The Rev'd John Quaggin

Gospeller: Sophia Jacob

Intercessor: Jenna Da Silva

Chalice Bearer: Janice Yorke

Server: Matthew Neugebauer

Music Director: Declan Tse

Soloist: Daniel Rojas

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn

CP 365 – Glory to God on High

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, almighty God and

Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's
hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign with Father and with

Spirit one in glorious light.

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 *from Washington National Cathedral, The Episcopal Church*

Celebrant Let us pray.
God of all Creation,
you have made us in your image,
a rainbow of every colour, culture,
gender expression, language, orientation, and nation;
we give thanks for the diversity of your creation.
Help us to hold one another closely,
in love, compassion, and celebration,
that we may give thanks that we are all your children.
In the name of Jesus, we pray.

People **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

(Genesis 22:1-14)

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

Psalm 13

Soloist

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.

All

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.**

Soloist

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day?
How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

All

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.**

Soloist

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

All

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.
God, the wellspring of life.**

Soloist But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the Lord,
who has dealt with me richly.

All The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the lord is my praise.
God, the wellspring of life.

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 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Soloist Speak O Lord your servant is list'ning:
you have the words of everlasting life.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(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 Hymn

Lord of the Dance (Sydney Carter)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on. **[Refrain]**

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die. **[Refrain]**

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. **[Refrain]**

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **[Refrain]**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of wisdom,
receive all we offer you this day.
Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,
that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and serve one another in freedom.
We ask this in his name.

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 "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

People May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People Thanks be to God!

Agnus Dei (SJM Mass)

55 Introduction

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your 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.*

Communion Music

Not in a Hurry (United Pursuit)

Lord I don't want to rush on ahead
In my own strength, when you're right here [**repeat**]

Chorus:

I'm not in a hurry when it comes to your Spirit
When it comes to your presence, when it comes to your voice
I'm learning to listen just to rest in your nearness
I'm starting to notice you are speaking

Lord I want to love like you
I want to feel what you feel, I want to see what you see [**repeat**] [**Chorus x2**]

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**]

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
God of power,
we are nourished by the riches of your grace.
Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ
and fit us for his eternal kingdom,
that all the world may call him Lord.
We ask this in his name.

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 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

St. John's This Week

Wednesday Norway Needlework Group in the Prideaux Room 1pm – 2:30pm

Please note: the Church Office is closed from Wednesday July 1st to Friday July 3rd.

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!

ReCharge Youth Retreat Registration Open

Have you heard? Registration for this year's ReCharge Youth Retreat is open! This is a camp for youth Grades 6 – 12. If you register by August 1, the cost is \$110, after that it will be \$130. Visit linktr.ee/bymc to register. Hope to see you there!

Calling all Green Thumbs!

Are you interested in starting a gardening project with other parishioners? Or are you a more leadership minded individual who would love to lead their fellow gardeners in developing their green thumbs? If beautifying the church grounds with blooms speaks to you, email Edward at admin@stjohnsnorway.com!

Our SJN August Book Pick is Coming!

Reserve your hardcover copy (or ebook!) of ***Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times*** by Gregory Boyle today! **Sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Edward at the office at admin@stjohnsnorway.com for financial support.**

Gregory Boyle is an American Jesuit priest and the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and reentry program in the world. In 2024, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States's highest civilian honor. He has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. He received the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Laetare Medal, the oldest honour given to American Catholics. He is the acclaimed author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, *Barking to the Choir*, and *The Whole Language*. *Cherished Belonging* is his fourth book, and he will be donating all net proceeds to Homeboy Industries. Visit the author at HomeboyIndustries.org.

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