



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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The Baptism of the Lord

10:30 AM – Sunday, January 11, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Molly Finlay

Deacon: The Rev. John Quaggin

Reader: Ina Kerklaan

Chalice Bearer: Susan Bennett

Server: Christine Lambert

Music Director: Declan Tse

Soloists: Zyon Stephens, Tarquin Wongkee, Daniel Rojas

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn

Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.

CP 162 – *Sing of God Made Manifest (verses 1, 2, 4)*

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign --
dove-like Spirit, voice divine --
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned
so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

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.
 Eternal Father,
 who at the baptism of Jesus
 revealed him to be your Son,
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
 keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
 faithful to their calling;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

(Isaiah 42:1-9)

Reader

People

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Choir

All

Your voice, O Lord, is a voice of splendour.

Your voice, O Lord, is a voice of splendour.

Choir

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

All

Your voice, O Lord, is a voice of splendour.

Choir

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

All

Your voice, O Lord, is a voice of splendour.

Choir

The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the
forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

All

Your voice, O Lord, is a voice of splendour.

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.

All **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 Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:13-17)

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Sermon

Rev. Molly Finlay

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Sponsors We present Parshan Barehi-Levesque to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents & Sponsors We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Sponsors We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Sponsors We renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Sponsors We renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Sponsors We renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents & Sponsors We do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents
& Sponsors We do.

Celebrant Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?
Parents
& Sponsors We do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support
Parshan in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Deacon Let us now pray for Parshan who is to receive
the sacrament of new birth.

Deacon Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon

Grant, O Lord,
that all who are baptized
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live in the power of his resurrection
and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in
Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the
baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah,
the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the
bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried
with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it
we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to
your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those
who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for
ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us join with those
who are committing themselves to Christ
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

Celebrant Parshan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servant Parshan,
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised him to the new life of grace.
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder
in all your works.
People **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Celebrant Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal Celebранthood.

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

Come set your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are your church
We need your pow'r in us

Build Your Kingdom Here (Rend Collective)

We seek your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For you're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Send your justice now
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are your church
We are the hope on earth [Chorus]

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 God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 rejected. 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.

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 We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
People **God here among us,**
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God!**

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

CP 690 – Lamb of God

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

Waymaker (Sinach)
CP 107 – Prepare the Way

Prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the
salvation of our God.

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We ask this in his name.

People 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 383 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music

St. John's This Week

Today	Adult Formation Course in the Lower Hall after 10:30am service The Table in the Sanctuary 5pm
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 Mid-Winter Forum – St. John's Norway's Changing Neighbourhood over 175 Years with Barb Myrvold in the Lower Hall after 10:30am service The Table 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

Our gift card campaign was a huge success, the result of your incredible generosity. This year we were able to give each of the 50 recipients two \$25 gift cards. These were much appreciated and gave our guests the opportunity to shop for items of their choice prior to the holidays. This annual tradition is a wonderful way to share our abundance with our neighbours during the Christmas season. Thank you.

Our pantry ministry runs year round and is very much appreciated by those in our neighbourhood with limited income. All non perishable items are welcome and right now, we are low on the following items: sardines, baked beans, soups, cookies and crackers, peanut butter, juices, tinned fruit and fruit cups. Please note: our pantry focuses on non perishable food items only. (Please no articles of clothing, books, etcetera)



Notes

What are we talking about, anyway!?

*Discovering what we mean
when we say our Creeds*

AN ADULT FORMATION COURSE

STARTING SUNDAY JANUARY 11
UNTIL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8
AFTER OUR 10:30AM SERVICE
IN THE LOWER HALL



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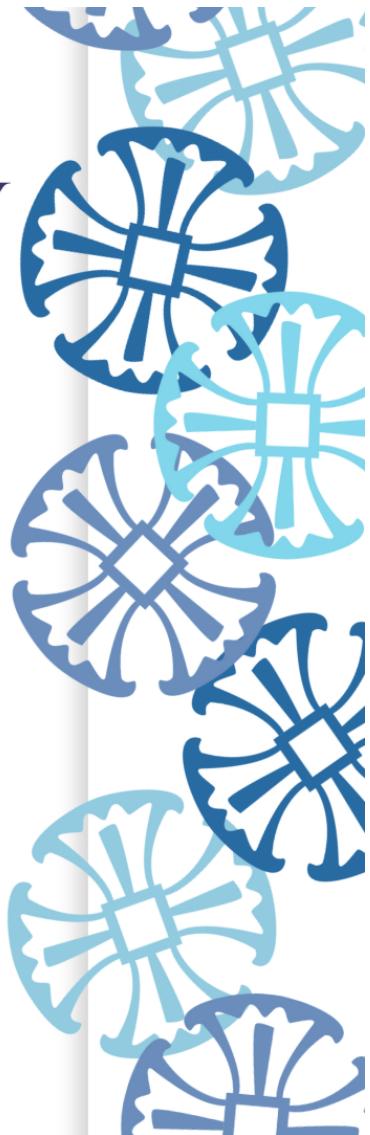
Come and see!

ST. JOHN'S NORWAY MID-WINTER FORUM

**Sunday, January 18
after 10:30AM Service**

St. John's Norway's
Changing Neighbourhood
Over 175 Years
with Barb Myrvold

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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