



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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Feast of St. John the Baptist

10:30 AM – Sunday, June 21, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Molly Finlay

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Reader: Michael Muir

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Chalice Bearer: Michael Charles

Server: Shiloh Monteith-Hughes

Music Director: Declan Tse

Soloists: Zyion Stephens, Tarquin Wongkee, Daniel Rojas, Samuel Rothermal

Guitar & Harp: Edward Cockerton

Prelude Music

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn

CP 505 – *Be Thou My Vision* (verses 1, 2, 4)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

We begin with a prelude, which sets a prayerful mood, followed by a hymn in procession. All the people gathered sing and speak with one voice, transforming themselves from a group of individuals into a single congregation gathered to praise God.

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.

The *collect* (pronounced with stress on the first syllable) is a special prayer which “collects” the prayers of the whole community. They are written down (not improvised) and often use formal or poetic language. Many of the collects we pray are very ancient, while others were written more recently.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you called John the Baptist
to give witness to the coming of your Son
and to prepare his way.
Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose,
and the openness to hear your will,
that we too may witness to Christ’s coming
and so prepare his way;
through your Son 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 Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

(Isaiah 40:1-11)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:7-13

All Lord, you have lavished on your land
amazing blessings from your hand,
restored us from captivity
and pardoned our iniquity.
In grace you caused your wrath to turn;
you did not let your anger burn.

**Deacon
People
Deacon
People**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

As Christians, the teachings of Jesus recorded in the Gospels hold a central place in our faith, so we greet the Gospel in a special way. Often (but not always) this means singing "Alleluia!"—a Latin version of a Hebrew word that means "Praise the Lord!" The four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—form the bedrock of what we know about Jesus. They were written in Greek between approximately 40 and 70 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. A reading from one of the Gospels is required at every Eucharist.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel. (Luke 1:57-80)

Deacon 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.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Cantor 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 Reflection **The Rev'd Molly Finlay**
(Please stand)

What We Believe

Please join us in reciting the Shema. This is a Jewish prayer that serves as a centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services, as well as in our own Anglican tradition in the Book of Common Prayer. The word "Shema" is a command to listen. When we pray this together to God, we do not mean for him simply to hear the words being prayed and consider his task finished. On the contrary, we call for him to respond, to act, to do something with our hearts' desires.

All **Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

(Please sit or kneel for prayer)

The Prayers of the People

The Confession

Deacon We cannot earn God's grace or favour.
It comes to us, not as something owed,
but as a gift freely given.
Confident in God's love for us,
even when we are ungodly,
we confess our sins in faith.

Silence is kept.

The communal confession of sin is a product of the Reformation. We say it together as we acknowledge our brokenness. The confession always leads into the absolution, as a gift offered freely to all.

All Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely,
but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born anew into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the family of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Prayer of Pardon

Deacon Friends, God is for us and not against us!
For that very reason,
God sent the Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Believe the good news,
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All Amen.

(Please stand)

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!



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 Song

I love you Lord, oh your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Goodness of God (Jenn Johnson)

[Chorus]

All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love your voice, you have led me through the fire
In darkest night, you are close like no other
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God **[Chorus]**

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give you everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me **[repeat]**

[Chorus]

I will sing of the goodness of God

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of our salvation,
accept all we offer you this day,
and free us to worship you without fear,
in holiness and righteousness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

*The Eucharistic Prayer will be sung on this feast day.
If you feel comfortable, please join in with the choir.
Alternatively, we invite you to enjoy this ancient way of praying
and allow the words of the liturgy to wash over you.*

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 Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus Benedictus (SJN Mass)

7 Introduction *mp*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might,

13 *mf*

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na_ in the high - est.

18 *mp* *mf* rit. - - - -

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na_ in the high - est.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (SJN Mass)

25 PRIEST PEOPLE
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As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray, Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your

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name, your king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heav - en.

38 *mp*

Give us to - day our dail - y bread. For -

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give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

47 *mf* *rall.* . . . , . . .

Save us from the time of trial and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the

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king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Behold what you are.

All May we become what we receive.

The Communion

Celebrant So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Following the breaking of the bread, there is often a special song called the *Agnus Dei* or "Lamb of God" sung while the bread and wine are prepared for sharing.

Agnus Dei (SJN Mass)

55 Introduction



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

*All Things New (Elaine Hagenberg)
Waymaker (Sinach)*

You are here, moving in our midst;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place;
I worship You, I worship You.

Refrain:

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God, that is who You are. **[repeat]**

You are here, touching every heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing every heart;
I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending every heart;
I worship You, I worship You. **[Refrain x 2]**

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.
We thank you, Lord,
for your word and your table
which give us the knowledge of salvation.
Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn;
guide now our feet into the way of peace.
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 384 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (verses 1-3, 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 see
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

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

Deacon So now go in peace, remember the poor,
 be kindly affectioned one to another!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Music

St. John's This Week

Today **St. John's Fest** in the Parking Lot 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

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!

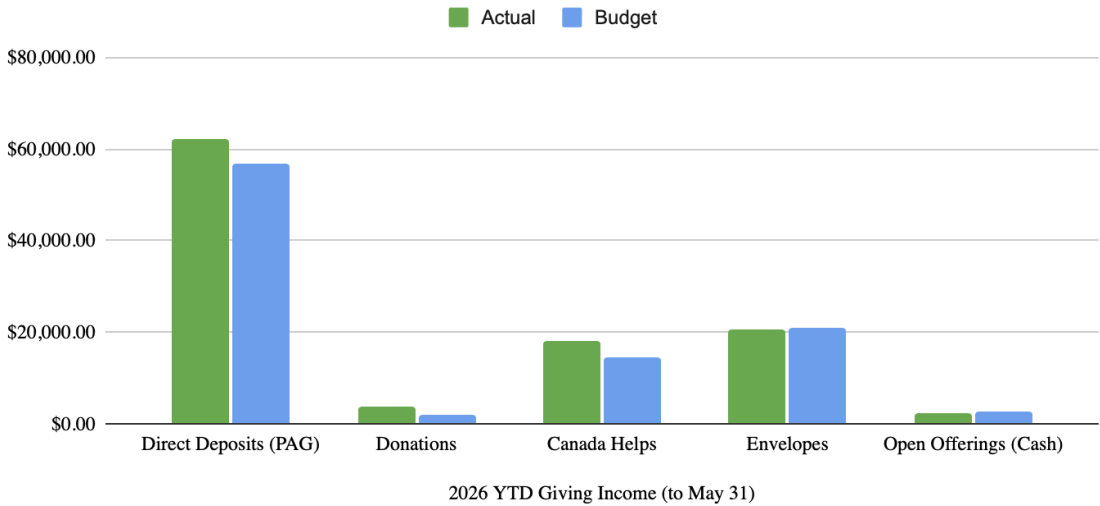
ReCharge Youth Retreat Registration Open

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!

Update from our Stewardship Ministry Committee

We are thankful and grateful for the continued financial support of our Parish, and happy to say that year-to-date Givings are matching or exceeding the budget we reviewed with the Parish in February. The growth of our Ministry as disciples of Christ is directly supported by you and for this, blessings to all.

St. John the Baptist, Norway 2026 Givings Income (to May 31)





ST. JOHN'S

**Free fun
for all!**

FEST



Sunday June 21st

Family Friendly Worship Service at 10:30AM.

Parking Lot Party starts at 11:30AM.

**Enjoy some BBQ & treats, facepainting,
balloon animals, and a bouncy castle!**

All neighbours welcome!



Come and see!



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