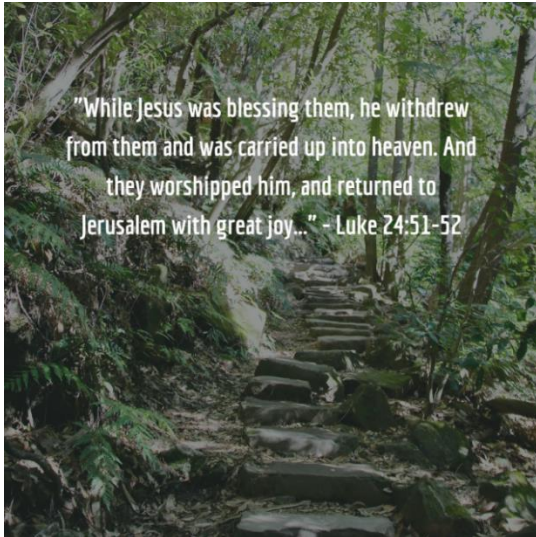


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Ascension Sunday May 12, 2024

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WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THIS PLACE

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility that St. John's is located on land that is traditional territory of the Coast Salish People. We are grateful for the heritage of the Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish, Kwikwetlem, and Musqueam Nations. We in the Diocese of New Westminster continue to search and pray with Indigenous brothers, sisters, and friends for truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Opening Hymn:*(10am service)*

CP # 114 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the powere and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly!

Welcome and Announcements

(we sit)

Memories of Coming to St. John's

Janice Castle *(10:00a.m.)*

Opening Prayer

(we stand)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant: As we gather on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Nations, let us pray that the Spirit's reconciling love will be with us.

~ Silence ~

Glory to God

(we stand)

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day:

(said by all)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM AND DISCERN THE LIVING WORD

First Scripture Reading:

(we sit)

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 93

(said by all responsively)

- 1 The Lord reigns and has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord is robed in splendour and girded with strength.
- 2 The Lord has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
**and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.**

Together we pray...

Blessed are you, Lord God, king of the universe; in awe and wonder we bow before the mystery of your power and might, for you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading:

(we sit)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Gradual Hymn:

CP # 374 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;

alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee
from day to day; Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

The Gospel

(we stand)

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 24: 44-53

Deacon: The Good News of Christ!

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. John Bailey

(we sit)

~ Silence ~

The Nicene Creed

(we stand) (said by all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(we kneel, stand or sit)

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

~ Silence ~

People: **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.**

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.

People: **Amen.**

We Share the Peace of Christ *(we stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(From ancient times, the Christian custom has been to greet each other as a sign of the peace we share through Christ. As Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers")

WE CELEBRATE GOD WITH US IN HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: *(10am service)* *(we stand)*

CP #378 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(We collect people's contributions to the ministry & mission of St. John's. We encourage you to give online as possible at stja.ca/supporting-st-johns)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Prayer over the Gifts: *(said by all)*
**Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us
until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew
us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(we kneel, stand, or sit)*

Eucharistic Prayer **BAS EP #2**

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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus:

(8:30am service)

(said by all)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(10am service) CP # 735

(sung by all)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, **“Take, and eat: this is my body which**

is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “**This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.**”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

(8.30am service)

(said by all)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(10am service)

(sung by all)

Our Father 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and thine is the power.

And the glory forever, the glory forever. The glory forever, amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

(All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive: if you are baptized, we invite you to receive Communion; if you are not baptized, we invite you to receive a blessing.)

(Since the Eucharist is a corporate spiritual practice, please maintain a receptive and quiet attitude as others are receiving Communion. Treat this time as part of your Eucharistic meditation.)

(Wine is offered for those comfortable receiving it. Note: intinction [dipping the bread in wine] is not permitted in our Diocese. You are welcome to receive the bread alone if you wish, and to bring the bread back to your seat before consuming; if masked, feel free to stay masked.)

WE ARE SENT OUT AS BEARERS OF NEW LIFE

Prayer after Communion

(we stand) (said by all)

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn:*(10am service)*
CP# 379 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

(we stand)

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Life up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Life up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o’er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Life up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say rejoice!

He sits at God’s right hand
till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Life up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the judge, shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel’s voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Dismissal

(we stand)

Response: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

The flowers at the Altar today are offered by Janice Castle to the Glory of God and in honour of her son, William Scott Castle and sister, Susan Joan Clarke.

Thank you to those who assisted with the Services today:

*Altar Guild: Bonnie SooChan, May Fung, Rohini Sunderam
Counters: Ann Adair-Austin, David Gordon*

8:30 am Service

*Intercessor & Coffee Hour: Ferne Malcolm
Reader & Lay Assistant: Sharon Cooper*

10:00 am Service

*Ushers: Pronella Daniel, Bonnie SooChan
Music: Gail Craig, The Choir
Reader: Pronella Daniel
Intercessor: Ann Adair-Austin
Lay Assistants: Matthew Savage, Geri Grigg
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