

# St. John's Anglican Church

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## Pentecost Season

September 10 - October 1, 2017

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	486 <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	487 <i>Where Charity &amp; Love Prevail</i>
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	380 <i>O Worship the King</i>
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	471 <i>Let My People Seek Their Freedom</i>

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Greeting

*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.**

*Leader:* 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**

*Hymn:* 365 *Glory to God on High*

#### The Collect of the Day

September 10th

**Holy God,**  
**you call us to righteousness and light.**  
**Teach us the undivided law of love,**  
**that we may love your children even as you do,**  
**love you with all our will and strength,**  
**and find our freedom in this blessed service,**  
**taught to us in word and deed**  
**by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

September 17

**God, you are the power of liberation,**  
**calling your servant Moses**  
**to lead your people into freedom,**  
**and giving him the wisdom to proclaim your holy law.**  
**Be our Passover from the land of injustice,**  
**be the light that leads us to the perfect rule of love,**  
**that we may be citizens of your unfettered reign;**  
**we ask this through Jesus Christ,**  
**the pioneer of our salvation. Amen.**

September 24th

**God of miracles and of mercy,  
all creation sings your praise.  
Like the vineyard owner,  
your grace is extravagant and unexpected.  
Lead us to repentance  
and the acceptance of your grace,  
that we may witness to your love,  
which embraces both those we call friend  
and those we call stranger. Amen.**

October 1st

**Welcoming God,  
you receive and bless all  
who come to you in humility.  
Show us our false pride,  
that we may repent of all conceit and arrogance  
and, caring for one another,  
may honour Jesus  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	Exodus 12:1-14
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	Exodus 14:19-31
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	Exodus 16:2-15
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	Exodus 17:1-7

**Leader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	Romans 13:8-14
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	Romans 14:1-12
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	Philippians 1:21-30
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	Philippians 2:1-13

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<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	461 <i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	567 <i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	503 <i>Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might</i>
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	375 <i>At the Name of Jesus</i>

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**All:** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	Matthew 18:15-20
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	Matthew 18:21-35
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	Matthew 20:1-16
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	Matthew 21:23-32

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of Christ  
**All:** **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Affirmation of Faith:** New Zealand Creed  
*Please stand as you are able.*

**All:** **You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Our purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please sit, stand or kneel as you are comfortable to pray.*

*Leader:* Lord in your mercy.

**All:** Hear our prayer.

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*Celebrant:* Source of all life,  
**All:** we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough.  
We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.  
We run the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.  
Forgive us. Stir us.  
Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right,  
act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant:* God hears our cry and sends the Holy Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.  
Our sins are forgiven,  
God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All:** Amen.

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the risen Christ be with you all!

**All:** And also with you.

<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	330 O Praise Ye the Lord
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	403 Let All Things Now Living
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	399 Now Thank We All Our God
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	401 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### The Prayer over the Gifts

**All:** God of life,  
you give us these gifts of the earth,  
these resources of our life and our labour.  
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,  
use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Light.  
**Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer 5

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** 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.

**All:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant:* 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 sing (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.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* 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."

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Communion of the People

*All who wish to draw closer to the love of Christ are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's. If you do not wish to have Communion, please cross your arms in front of your chest so that you may receive a blessing instead. Children are welcome at Holy Communion. If you do not wish to drink directly from the chalice, you may receive the bread.*

<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	361 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me 349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts 614 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
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<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<b>Sept. 17</b>	49 <i>Draw Near and Take</i> 553 <i>Ubi Caritas et Amor</i> 614 <i>Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive</i> 647 <i>Spirit of the Living God</i>
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	477 <i>Lamp of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace</i> 72 <i>Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed</i> 63 <i>Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup</i> 84 <i>Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour</i>
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	361 <i>Surely It Is God Who Saves Me</i> 523 <i>We Sing To You, O God</i> 64 <i>Author of Life Divine</i> 56 <i>I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life</i>

<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	130 <i>Give Me Oil (see back of bulletin)</i>
	<b>Sept. 17</b>	527 <i>How Firm a Foundation</i>
	<b>Sept. 24</b>	453 <i>Living Lord of Love's Dominion</i>
	<b>Oct. 1</b>	445 <i>God the Creator</i>

**Dismissal**

*Leader:* Go in peace. Sound the good news!

**All:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Please join us in the upper hall for coffee and conversation following today's service.*

**Prayer After Communion**

**All:** Holy and compassionate God,  
in bread and wine you give us gifts  
that form us to be humble and courageous.  
May your words come to life  
in our serving and in our witness,  
that we might speak a living voice  
of healing and justice to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

**The Doxology** (*sung*)

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 (*repeat*)

**The Blessing**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries Prayer**

**All:** God, we thank you for your servants who are celebrating a special event in their lives. Grant that the year ahead may be one of newness and hope and joyful surprises. May your love and truth light their path and their lives grow more fully into yours. Bless them this day and for the year ahead. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Announcements**

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## **September 10 – Closing Hymn** *Give Me Oil*

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray;  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
Keep me burning till the break of day.  
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!  
Sing hosannah to the Servant king.  
Let us sing!

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day.  
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!  
Sing hosannah to the Servant king.  
Let us sing!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray,  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Keep me loving till the break of day.  
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!  
Sing hosannah to the Servant king.  
Let us sing!

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Give me love in my heart, I pray,  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the break of day.  
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!  
Sing hosannah to the Servant king.  
Let us sing!

## **Upcoming Services & Events**

- Sun. Sept. 17** – Backpack blessing  
Church School meeting after the service
- Wed. Sept. 20** – Parish Council meeting 7 p.m.
- Sun. Sept. 24** – Christmas Market meeting after church  
All welcome!
- Sat. Sept. 30** – Doors Open 10 am - 4 pm. Info below.

## **St. John's Mid-week Eucharist**

Wednesdays at noon.

Come and join us in the church for simple prayers, bread and wine.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Joan Armstrong will be filling in for Ida September 10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. Joan can be reached at 905-633-5885.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** – It's that time of year again! Please remember St. John's when making jams, jellies, preserves and pickles, and put a few extra jars aside for the market!

**DOORS OPEN** – We are participating in this Burlington cultural event from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Come out and tour the cemetery, learn the church history, participate in our scavenger hunt and enjoy refreshments!

**CHURCH SCHOOL MEETING** – Sunday, Sept. 17 in the lower hall to review the new church school curriculum and formalize the schedules up to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**BISHOP'S DIPLOMA COURSE** - is a general interest course which provides an opportunity for lay people to grow in their commitment to Christ and Christ's Church through an exploration of faith issues. Registration takes place in person by attending the first session on Mon. Sept. 11 at St. Luke's, 1382 Ontario Street,. Fee \$35 per person (includes text) or \$45 per couple (one text to share).

## **ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN...**

**Blessing Backpacks – Sunday, September 17**  
Bring your backpack to church.