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Divine

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Mission Statement

St. John the Divine is a welcoming, nurturing and worshipping community which demonstrates by word and deed the love of Jesus Christ for all creation.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional territories. We gather today in the traditional territory of the Nipissing First Nation and Robinson-Huron Treaty Lands. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.

God of all,

We remember all those who are experiencing homelessness or who are unable to find affordable housing. Grant that each person will have a place to belong, and that all of us will be renewed in our relationships to water, land, home and each other. Sustain us with patience, persistence and commitment for doing our part in showing love for your world. Amen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Celebrant Rev. Beth Hewson

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much
fruit. *John 15.5*

Opening Hymn: #380 O Worship The King

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with
you all.

People: *And also with you.*

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: *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*

Glory To God (to be read)

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,
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

***People: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the
life. Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen***

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 24-30

For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵ ***From you comes my praise in the great
congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.***

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ ***All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.***

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ ***To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow
down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.***

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,

Praying together: ***Father, your tortured Son felt
abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross,
yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of
death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide
your face from those who cry out to you: feed the
hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of
the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your
saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus
Christ our Saviour. Amen***

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

Gradual Hymn: #715 Celtic Alleluia

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

Sermon: Rev. Beth Hewson

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

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

Prayers of the People

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying together, ***“Hear us, Lord of glory!”***

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

“Hear us, Lord of glory!”

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

“Hear us, Lord of glory!”

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Parish of St. Stephen that includes: the Church of the Redeemer,

Rosseau; St. Thomas', Orrville; St. Thomas', Ullswater/Bent River with the Rev. Peter Simmons and the Rev. Dr. Cal MacFarlane. We pray for the work of the Diocesan Social Justice Committee that works tirelessly for the homeless and marginalized. We pray for those who have and still experience being without shelter. Let us pray to the Lord. ***"Hear us, Lord of glory!"***

We pray for Archbishop Anne Germond and Primate Linda Nicholls who continue to build God's kingdom here on earth. Let us pray to the Lord. ***"Hear us, Lord of glory!"***

In our companion Dioceses we pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Tarime and Bishop Mwita and for the Diocese of Jerusalem. In faith, we pray for our mission in Guatemala. We pray for our continued support for the Madagascar Mission including its leadership, students and children. Let us pray to the Lord. ***"Hear us, Lord of glory!"***

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord. ***"Hear us, Lord of glory!"***

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord. ***"Hear us, Lord of glory!"***

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord. ***"Hear us, Lord of glory!"***

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, including our loved ones and friends..... let us pray to the Lord. ***"Hear us, Lord of glory!"***

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

“Hear us, Lord of glory!”

Together we pray: ***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.***

Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Confession

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.

Celebrant: 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. Amen

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Hymn: #24 Abide With Me

Prayer over the Gifts

People: *Gracious God,*

you show us your way

and give us your divine life.

May everything we do

be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen

Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #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

#735 Holy, Holy, Holy

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (2x)
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he 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. **Amen**

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

***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 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.

#745 Lamb of God

***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace.***

Communion Hymns

#509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#500 Sister Let Me Be Your Servant

#435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

(2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us." (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Prayer after Communion

People: God of love,

***in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life.***

May we always walk in your way,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

***People: 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, forever and ever. Amen***

Blessing/Announcements/Dismissal

Closing Hymn: #393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Announcements:

7:00pm Thursday May 2nd Homelessness Week Panel Discussion via Zoom. **Register Now** with Jane.E.Cox1@gmail.com Archbishop Anne will moderate the panel. There are four speakers: one who has lived experience, one who will give a theological perspective on the topic, one who is a social policy analyst and finally one who coordinates a Sudbury Homeless Network.

To learn more about homelessness in North Bay and in Canada go to The Homelessness Hub
<https://www.homelesshub.ca/about-homelessness>

Mark the Dates:

This Friday, May 3rd – Spaghetti Supper – Buy your tickets from Irv!

Saturday May 11th – Mothers' Day Spring Tea: "Treat your Gal to a wonderful event!"

Thursday May 16th – Town Hall Meeting with Archbishop Anne at Christ Church.

5:00 pm Barbecue

6:30pm Conversation with Archbishop Anne.