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**Divine**

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**Mission Statement**

St. John the Divine is a welcoming, nurturing and worshiping 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.

**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024**

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Celebrant* Rev. Beth Hewson

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. John 14.23

**Opening Hymn:**

**#383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

**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: Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

### **Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading: Acts 10: 44-48

### **Psalm 98**

O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.

<sup>2</sup> ***The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the  
nations.***

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.  
**<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
**<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy**

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity**

Together we pray: ***Lord God, we see your righteous  
rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the  
song of your whole creation in praising you, in and  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen***

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

**Gradual Hymn: #715 Celtic Alleluia**

Holy Gospel: John 15: 9-17

**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 cyle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Windermere and the Rev. Judie Cooper. We pray for Archbishop Anne Germond and Primate Linda Nicholls who continue to build God’s kingdom here on earth. 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, without food, clothing and work. 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 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 God 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 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 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: # 60 I Come With Joy**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

***People: God of glory,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name. 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**

**#649 Breathe on Me Breath of God**

**#423 How Great Thou Art**

**#458 Seek Ye First**

### **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: Father,***

***you restored us to life***

***by raising your Son from death.***

***May we who receive this sacrament***

***always be strengthened to do your will,***

***in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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: #362 Tell Out My Soul**

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**Announcements:**

**Mark the Dates:**

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mothers’ Day Spring Tea: “Treat your Gal to a wonderful event!”**

**Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> – Town Hall Meeting with Archbishop Anne at Christ Church.**

**5:00 pm Barbecue**

**6:30pm Conversation with Archbishop Anne.**