

EASY PRINT – The Patronal Festive of St. John the Baptist – June 22, 2025

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel*

Please rise in body or spirit

Processional Hymn: #10 - “WE THE LORD’S PEOPLE”

We the Lord’s people, heart and voice uniting,
praise him who called us out of sin and darkness
into his own light, that he might anoint us a royal priesthood.

This is the Lord’s house, home of all his people,
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary; all find a welcome.

This is the Lord’s day, day of God’s own making,
day of creation, day of resurrection,
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven’s banquet, day for rejoicing.

In the Lord’s service bread and wine are offered,
that Christ may take them, bless them, break and give them
to all his people, his own life imparting, food everlasting.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: 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.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Please be seated

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 40.1-11

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm # 85.7-13

The Choir sings the refrain, all repeat

Please remain seated

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Verse: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people.

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Verse: To his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

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Verse: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. **REFRAIN**

Verse: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

REFRAIN

Please rise in body or spirit

Sequence Hymn: (Tune #121) #11 – “BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL”

The first two verses will be sung before the Gospel.

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall:
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness before God all our days.


The last verse will be sung after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

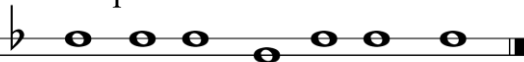
All: A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth notes: B-flat, D, E, F, G, A, B-flat, C. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus 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. 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 1.57-80

All: 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last verse will be sung after the Gospel.

My child, as prophet of the Lord, you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

Sermon

Please be seated

Quartet: – “SOMEWHERE (*FROM WEST SIDE STORY*)”

This was sung by our choir leads in the last of our pre-recorded services made during the pandemic. It was a tribute to the online community that was created and sustained over two years.

There's a place for us, somewhere a place for us.
Peace and quiet and open air, wait for us, somewhere.
There's a time for us, some day a time for us,
Time together with time to spare, time to learn, time to care.

Someday, somewhere, we'll find a new way of living,
We'll find a way of forgiving. Somewhere...Somewhere...

There's a place for us, a time and place for us.
Hold my hand and we're halfway there.
Hold my hand and I'll take you there
Somehow, some day, somewhere!

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: Let us confess our faith as we say,

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.**

All: **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

Please kneel or be seated

The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Priest: With John, our patron saint, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all who have found favour with God throughout the ages, we pray in the name of Our Lord, saying,

All: **Blessed be the God of Israel.**

Priest: Holy God, you send messengers to purify and refine your people, and your hand was with John, who prepared the way for Jesus. Renew and embolden your church. We pray for our Bishops Andrew and Kevin, for our clergy, staff and for all the parishioners of St. John's, on this our patronal feast.. In the Mississauga Deanery, we pray for ..., in our own parish, we pray for the Help us all to share the message of salvation by the forgiveness of sins. Let the youth of our churches hear your love for them. Hear us, O God.

All: **Blessed be the God of Israel.**

Priest: Holy God, you do not leave your people defenseless. Guide the leaders of the nations, so that they will be people after your own heart who carry out your wishes. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Hear us, O God.

All: **Blessed be the God of Israel.**

Priest: Holy God, by your tender mercy the dawn from on high breaks upon us. Give the light of hope to those who sit in darkness and in pain's shadow, so that they know your steadfast love. We pray especially for, Hear us, O God.

All: **Blessed be the God of Israel.**

Priest: Holy God, watch over this community of faith and guard our hearts, minds, words, and actions. Forgive us for our sins and give us the absolution of your mercy. Inspire our youth to grow in faith. Keep in your care those who travel, those who are moving to a new home, and those who have no home. Hear us, O God.

All: **Blessed be the God of Israel.**

Priest: Holy God, you have looked favorably upon your people and have raised up a mighty savior for all in Jesus. Raise us up on the last day with all who have died in Christ, ..., in whose memory the memorial flowers are offered today. Hear us, O God.

All: **Blessed be the God of Israel.**

Priest: Almighty God,

All: **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 for ever. Amen**

The Peace
spirit

Please rise in body or

Priest: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members.
We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

Offertory Hymn - "YOUR PATH TOWARDS HOME"

Dedicated to the congregation — near and far — of St. John the Baptist Dixie Anglican Church in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Premiered on St. John's Day, June 2021 as a tribute to the congregation's perseverance through the COVID pandemic.

Lyrics: Erin Noel; Music and Arrangement: Jeff McLeod

When the skies darken the world grows uncertain
In uncharted waters you're scared and alone
Cast your eye yonder, out to the horizon
The light's always been here, your path toward home.

People may say you just don't belong,
They block your way, they say you're wrong.
Around here we sing a different song:
You've been God's beloved child all along

Come ashore now out of the cold
You're invited wholeheartedly into the fold
It's a joy now to see you this community blest
By the three in the window keeping watch for the rest.

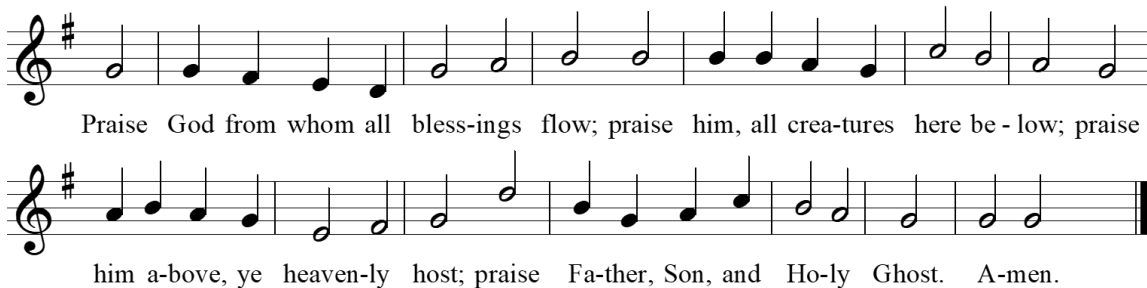
This light always shines bright, steady, and true
Though you may not see it when skies are blue.
It beams o'er the ocean, the land, and the skies
God's love reaching toward you from warm smiling eyes.

No matter how near or far you may be
No matter your struggles, your flaws, or despair
You can rejoice give thanks and sing
Knowing that you are always welcome here

When the skies darken the world grows uncertain
In uncharted waters you're never alone
Cast your eye yonder out to the horizon
The light's always been here, your path toward home.

Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: *People:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

All sing

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

Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honour your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Priest: Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory and praise, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: , People: *All sing*
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As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in Hea-ven,
hal-lowed be your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done,
on earth as in Hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial.
and de-li-ver us from e-vil
for the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-e-ver
A - - - - - men.

Priest: We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are joining us from home, join us in this act of Eucharist by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Gracious God, you yourself are a community of love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and you call us into the community of the Church. Though I cannot partake of your body and blood, may the prayers and praise of the Church keep me in the communion of your sacramental grace. This I pray, in Jesus name.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.

Indicate to the priest if you would like to have him intinct the wafer for you.

All sing

Communion Hymn: #439 – “BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART”

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their heart is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King.

He to the lowly soul doth still Himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee.

Communion Hymn: #415 – “ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL” (requested hymn)

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. *Refrain*

The rocky mountain splendour, the loon's wild, haunting call,
The great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall. *Refrain.*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain.*

Prayer after Communion

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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

Priest: The God of Israel, fill you with the joy of Elizabeth; free you to proclaim his goodness, like Zechariah; and empower you to be Christ's witness, like John; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity, who planted his church and grew his church, preserve and prosper us, his church, today and always.

All: **Amen.**

Announcements

Presentations for St. John's Day

Closing Hymn: (Tune #525) – “LORD THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSINGS” *All sing*

Lord thank you for the blessings you've shed upon this place
You've kept our congregation sustained with love and grace,
You've gathered us together, in- person and online,
You've kept our branches blooming, abiding in the Vine

We thank you for the vision of Christians long ago
Who named us “John the Baptist”, with seeds of faith to sow.
For many years we've planted, and still we find it's true:
We're blessed to be a blessing; there's joy in serving you.

We've laughed and wept together, in times of joy and fear
But here at St. John's Dixie, your grace, is ever near
In Eucharist we're nourished; with preaching, prayer and song,
Confirm all that is right and transform whatever's wrong.

Lord, by your Spirit lead us and bless us from above:
Give strength to follow Jesus, with faith and hope and love.
Give gifts to use for justice, give peace that builds anew,
Your church, this congregation will bless the world for you.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth as witnesses to God's Kingdom among us. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Thank you to all who have participated in today's service