

**Parish of St. John the
Evangelist
Conception Bay South, NL**



Opening Hymn

Gathering of the Community

You are our God
and we are your people, called and gathered as your Church.

Walking a chosen pathway of faith and ministry
with Christ who is our Way.

Watching for the signs of new things, new opportunities
for ministry together
in the light of the Spirit of God.

Your Son, who came that we might have life and have it abundantly.

All: Thanks be to God

Your Son, who came that we might know love, and knowing might serve.

All: Thanks be to God

Your Son, who emptied himself of life and love, that we might be filled with both.

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Come and worship God, who is wonderful and mysterious.

People: Awesome is the name of our God!

Leader: Come and worship God, who answers prayers

People: Awesome is the name of our God!

Leader: Come and worship God, who speaks through prophets.

People: Awesome is the name of our God!

Leader: Come and worship God, who desires justice and fairness

People: Awesome is the name of our God!

Birthday Sunday

Collect of the Day

Readings

Gradual Hymn

Godly Play Story

Affirmation of Faith:

Let us affirm the life among us as God's people as we say;

We affirm that we see and experience this life in our midst. It invites other life in us, it gives life to people beyond us. We affirm that here in this place life can be sustained, that in us new life can emerge and grow and that hope for life is to be cherished every day. We celebrate the God who conquered death. We hold ourselves open to a new creation in us. We believe that in every child of God the Spirit breathes a thousand, thousand gracious possibilities.

Confession of faith:

Father, we come here today conscious of our shortcomings, aware of the thoughts, actions and deeds which we have not reflected your love.

All: Jesus, Lord of love have mercy on us

Father, our lives are filled with comings and goings. So little time to be still, so little time for others, for giving instead of receiving.

All: Jesus, lord of love, have mercy on us

Father, in a world that needs to know your love, forgive us those times when impatience, tiredness, selfishness or insensitivity have made it difficult for others to see your love through our lives.

All: Jesus, Servant of all have mercy on us

In a moment of silence, we bring to our Heavenly Father the needs of our friends and families, the tensions, the harsh words spoken in haste, the good deeds not done, the love not shown. (Silence)

We also remember the needs of the church family, both here and worldwide (Silence)

All: God of family, God of love, forgive us for those times when we have forgotten how much we are loved by you, how important a part we play in your family. Forgive us when we take family for granted.

The lord is righteous in all his ways, and loving towards all he has made. The lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his Holy name for ever and ever.

Leader: Together we say the words of the Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you.

Prayers:

From the example of the Holy Family we find out how to live with others who love us. Let us respond with the words:
Lord, make us one in love.

That families may model themselves on the Holy Family, caring and loving for each other as did Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, make us one in love.**

That the church will respond to the needs of families and strengthen the fabric of family life by its teachings, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, make us one in love.**

That members of our families who are ill may be returned to health, we pray to the lord. **Lord, make us one in love.**

That all who have died, especially members of our families, may experience eternity with the Lord, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, make us one in love.**

Father, in your kindness and love for us, you call us to live in families. Help us to care for others in our family, and make love surround our family life and may we know the love of the heavenly Father deep in our hearts, may we understand our significance in the center of his family, and the bonds that hold us so close as brother and sister. May we understand the lengths that he was prepared to for all humankind and freely respond in the today which he has given us to cherish. **Amen.**

Commissioning:

Leader: You have life choices before you, as you go forth this week.

All: We will choose the life that is joyful and fulfilling; we will choose the life that goes beyond the well-known borders; we will choose the life that seeks the way of reconciliation; we will choose the life that contributes to community; we will choose the life that shares with generosity; we will choose the life that is lived as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Benediction:

As we go from this time of worship, may we take with us the words and the spirit that our faith offers us. We declare that while we live, our bodily form is the vessel that receives God's light. May we be worthy bearers of that light in bodies which are strong and healthy. From our eyes, may the light shine brightly so that in the darkness we may see the needs of others. Through our ears, may we hear beyond the noise of self-interest to the calls for help from those in need. May our hearts beat with compassion and our arms be strong in reaching out to lift up those who stumble. May we always be

the messengers of your light. May the sparks within us, because of our offering of love, become the flame of light for others. **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Dismissal:

Leader: Now go! Go, led by the marvelous light of Christ!
Go, be a blessing!

Be a Blessing

Be a light for the world!

Be a Light for the World!

Be the Body of Christ!

Be the Body of Christ!

Amen!

Amen

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