

The Church of St. John the Divine

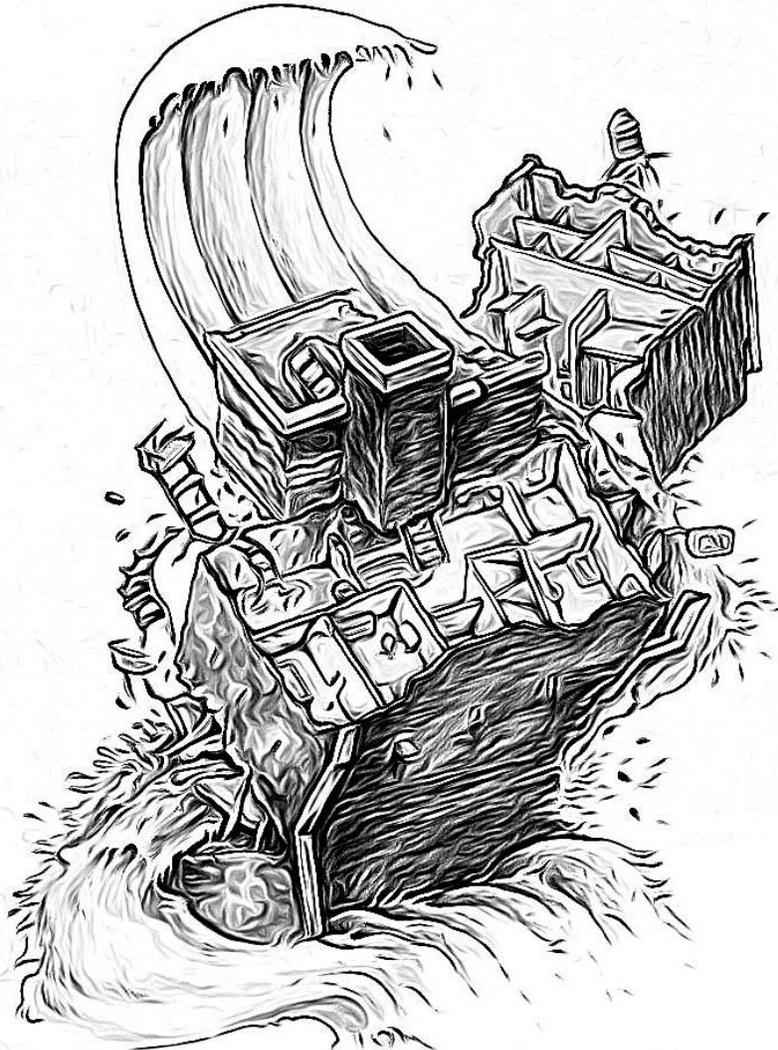
The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Worship in a time of COVID-19 : In these times when we must be careful in any gathering we have, appropriate protocols are in place. For the time being due to the instructions from the Provincial Health Officer we will be meeting virtually on Zoom and the services are also Live-streamed. Please check our website on how to attend: stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/ or contact admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We will continue to livestream the weekly service of Evensong.

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website daily.

Contacting Us: We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact: the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

The congregation is invited to join in the responses and prayers marked in bold print.

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Intercessor: Peggy Wilmot

Readers: Doug Henderson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Gospel: Stephanie Wood

Music: Consort of Choristers of St. John the Divine

Sermon: The Reverend Bill Tarter

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Welcome to all who are gathering online.

The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

**All: you have called us to be your family
and to celebrate our life together in worship.
We pray now, for all members of our family
as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online.
Through your spirit keep us united in love.
Bless each of us with your beloved friendship.
Teach us, gracious God,
how to be your church in these times.
Help us to know that we are your people,
that we are your Family, always. Amen.**

Opening Hymn (CP 503)

DUKE STREET

- 1. Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy light;
lay hold on life and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**
- 2. Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek Christ's face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.**
- 3. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
Christ's boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

- 4. Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near;
Who changeth not and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875).

Gathering

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

All: **And also with you.**

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.**

Gloria

Glory to be God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

God of the unexpected,
you take what is old and make it new,
and what is dead and bring it to life;
you take our false expectations
and transform them into your truth.
Help us to accept the challenge of your call,
so that, trusting in your promise,
we journey by faith in Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

FWM Proposed Prayers alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, ‘You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.’ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to govern us.’ Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.’

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, ‘These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.’

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, ‘No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increase my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Alleluia. The ruler of this world shall now be cast out; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. Alleluia.

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin’—for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the address there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

**All: Hear, O Israel;
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Motet

“Ave Verum Corpus” K.618 – W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria virgine;
Vere passum immolatum
In crucis pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

Hail, true body,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered
On the Cross for humanity.
Whose side was pierced,
Pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us
During our ordeal of death.

The Prayer over the Gifts

In the name of all of us gathered, near and far, we present these our gifts to God.

Let us pray:

Merciful God,
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Thanks be to you,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer 3, Book of Alternative Services

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

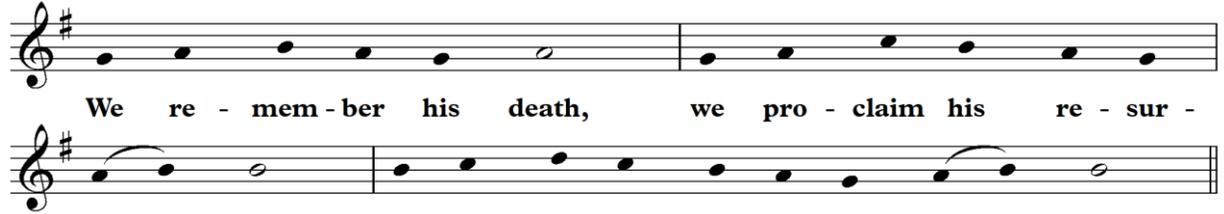
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



All:

rec - tion, we a - wait his com-ing in glo - ry;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
 presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
 that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
 and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him,
 may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
 and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
 the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



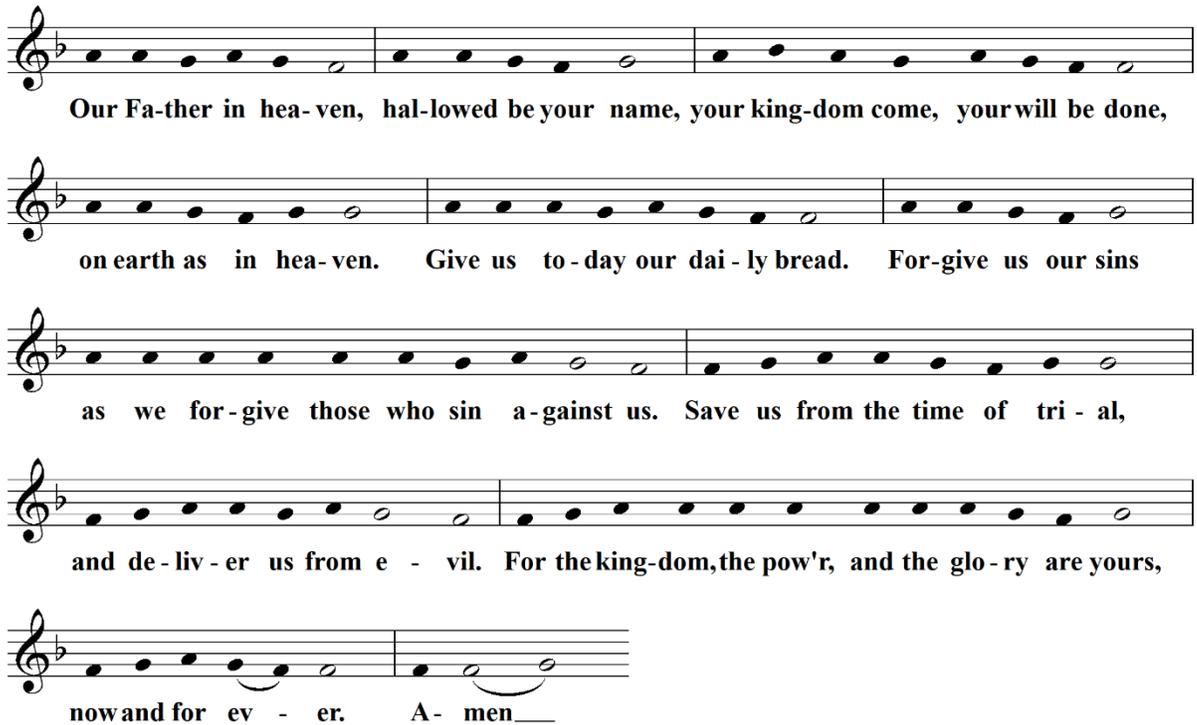
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The Disciple's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now 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 tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men__

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The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

One body are we.

All: For, though we are in many places, we spiritually share one bread.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn (CP 631)

PADERBORN

- 1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**
- 2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**
- 3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.**
- 4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer God's call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.**

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Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.

Readings for June 13th – The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13 In accordance with the will of Yahweh, Samuel anoints David to be King of Israel.

Psalm 20 Assurance is given that the Lord will help the anointed king be victorious over enemies.

2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Paul reaffirms his courage as he reflects on what it means to be made anew in Christ.

Mark 4:26-34 Something new is beginning, and Jesus explains in parables about seed.

EVENSONG

Every Sunday – sung by a small ensemble of Choral Scholars

Evensong is a contemplative, musical and prayerful liturgy, ideally suited to the end of the week and the close of day, and to this current time when we have been asked to avoid congregational singing, but still long for the depth and beauty of a choral liturgy.

Evensong will be livestreamed on the church Facebook page and available via the website www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Hagos, Tsigay & family	Anne	Philip & Lisa
Rhoda	Carolyn	Nicholas
Patrick	Elsie	Derek
Helen	Anthony	David & Pat
Gary	Lorraine	Richard
Deborah	Marion	Blanche
Cathy	John	Asher
Linda	Bill	Jessie
Edna	Ray and family	Ann
Heather	Chris and Deb	Michael & Barb

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