

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 4, 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.

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***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/](http://stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/) or contact [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Reader:** Susan Bangrove

**Gospel:** Dr. John Thatamanil

**Sermon:** Dr. John Thatamanil

**Intercessor:** Peggy Wilmot

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett, Ryan Qu

**Music:** Consort of Choristers of St. John the Divine

**Setting:** Missa Sancti Joannis di Deo -

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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## 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

1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.
2. Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.

3. **Enter the sacred gates with praise;  
with joy approach the temple walls,  
extol and bless our God always  
as people whom the Spirit calls.**
4. **Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure,  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

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## 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

<p style="text-align: center;">Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>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 who takes away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you who takes away the sin of the world: receive our prayer; you who are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. 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.</i></p>
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## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of your children  
we do also for him.  
Give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is Their holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very centre of the world and the city of the great sovereign.

God is in its citadels; God is known to be its sure refuge.

Behold, the rulers of the earth assembled and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established it for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements.

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it; count the number of its towers.

Consider well its bulwarks; examine its strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; They shall be our guide for evermore.

## The Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

### Before the Gospel

*Cantor:* Alleluia. The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. 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.**

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*Following the address there will be a pause for silence.*

Affirmation of Faith (CP 44)

BEACH SPRING

- 1. I believe in God almighty,  
Author of all things that be,  
maker of the earth and heavens,  
keeper of the sky and sea.  
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,  
now for us both Lord and Christ,  
of the Spirit and of Mary  
born to bring abundant life.**

2. I believe that Jesus suffered,  
scourged and scorned and crucified;  
taken from the cross, was buried—  
true life there had truly died.  
I believe that on the third day  
Christ was raised up from the grave,  
then ascended to God's right hand.  
He will come to judge and save.
3. I believe in God's own Spirit,  
bonding all the saints within  
one church, catholic, and holy,  
where forgiveness frees from sin;  
in the body's resurrection,  
for the breaking of death's chain  
gives the life that's everlasting:  
this the faith that I have claimed.

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## 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.*

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Motet

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

A Sarum Prayer, 1558  
Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)



## 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:

God of heaven and earth,  
receive our sacrifice of praise,  
and strengthen us  
for the perfect freedom of your service,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

*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 4, Book of Alternative Services

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *Priest:*, *All:*, *Priest:*, and *All:*. The lyrics for these measures are: "The Lord be with you.", "And al-so with you.", "Lift up your hearts.", and "We lift them to the Lord." respectively. The second staff has two measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *Priest:* and *All:*. The lyrics for these measures are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." respectively. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe  
You are worthy of glory and praise.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be:  
The vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home;  
by your will they were created and have their being.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

From the primal elements  
you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;  
you made us the stewards of creation.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;  
and we turn against one another.  
Again and again you call us to return.  
Through the prophets and sages  
you reveal your righteous law.  
In the fullness of time you send your Son,  
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.  
He was wounded for our transgressions,  
and bruised for our iniquities.  
By his death he opened to us  
the way of freedom and peace.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore we praise you,  
joining with the heavenly chorus,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with those in every generation  
who have looked to you in hope,  
to proclaim with them your glory,  
in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread, said the blessing,

*Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

broke the bread, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take this, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;  
he gave you thanks, 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."

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God,  
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,  
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look with expectation for his coming  
as Lord of all the nations.  
We who have been redeemed by him,  
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,  
now bring you these gifts.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this offering of your Church,  
that we who eat and drink at this holy table  
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Pour your Spirit upon the whole earth  
and make it your new creation.  
Gather your Church together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
where peace and justice are revealed,  
that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,  
may share the banquet you have promised;  
through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

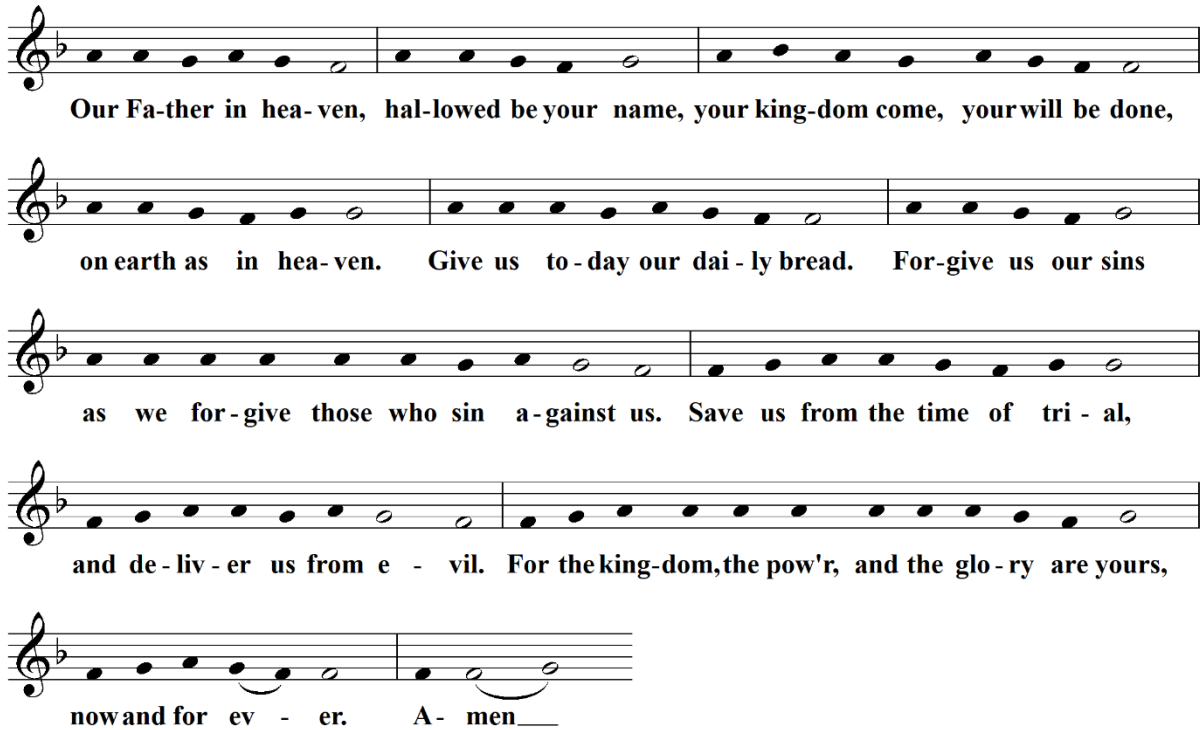
**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**



## The Disciple's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed 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.*

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# 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 418)

BROWNING

### *Refrain*

**Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song,  
no one stands alone,  
standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.**

- 1. God the still-point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms.**

### *Refrain*

2. **Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call.**

*Refrain*

3. **Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door.**

*Refrain*

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Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.



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## Readings for July 11<sup>th</sup> – The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19** With intense and vivid celebration, David marks his kingship and victory over the Philistines by bringing the ark, a religious shrine symbolizing God's presence, to a new and permanent home in Jerusalem.

**Psalms 24** This processional psalm probably accompanied the transporting of the ark.

**Ephesians 1:3-14** Here is the first of seven readings we hear from the Letter to the Ephesians in as many successive Sundays. The letter speaks of God's purpose for all humanity and of the unity of the church with Jesus at the centre.

**Mark 6:14-29** The story of the beheading of John the Baptist is a hint of things to come in the life of Jesus.

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## 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](http://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

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### 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
Mark	Carolyn	Nicholas
Patrick	Elsie	Helen
Anthony	David & Pat	Gary
Lorraine	Richard	Deborah
Marion	Blanche	Ted
Cathy	John	Asher
Linda	Bill	Jessie
Edna	Ray and family	Dorylee
Heather	Chris and Deb	Barb & family
Lorena	Angela & Nancy	Nancy
Daryl	Cat & Daphne	Carol
Aidan	Martha	

**R.I.P. – Michael Coleman**

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# **The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine**

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