

The Church of St. John the Divine

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 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 careful protocols in place for our limited gatherings on a Sunday – the plans are available to download on the Website, and for those unable to attend in person our services are also livestreamed there: <https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

We will continue to meet on Sundays at 10am for our Parish Eucharist, and at 5:30 pm for a service of Evensong, please check details on the website as to how to book for each service and the information needed to comply with Provincial requirements.

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: Susan Bansgrove

Reader: Judith Reid

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett, Ryan Qu

Gospel: Stephanie Wood

Cantor: Tim Carter

Sermon: Stephanie Wood

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 10)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.

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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

John Merbecke (1510-1585), adapted



Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all.



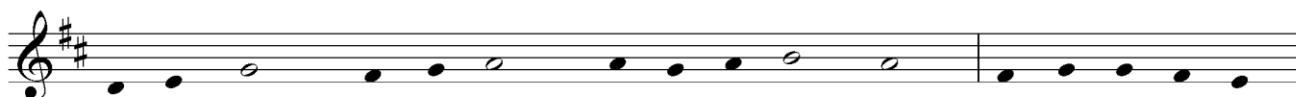
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glo - ri - fy you,



we give thanks to you for your great glo - ry, O Lord god, heav-en - ly King,



God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,
 re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,
 have mer-cy up - on us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on-ly are the Lord;
 you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 are most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Compassionate God,
 from far and near you gather your church into one,
 safeguard the unity of your flock
 through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd,
 so that all your scattered children may find in Christ
 the guidance and nourishment they seek.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997)

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the

world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

89:20-37

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong.
No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wicked man bring him down.
I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my name.

I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River.
He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
I will make him my firstborn and higher than the kings of the earth.
I will keep my love for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.
I will establish his line for ever and his throne as the days of heaven.
If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my judgements;
If they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments;
I will punish their transgressions with a rod and their iniquities with the lash;
But I will not take my love from him, nor let my faithfulness prove false.
I will not break my covenant, nor change what has gone out of my lips.
Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: ‘I will not lie to David.
His line shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me;
It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, the abiding witness in the sky.’”

The Gospel
Before the Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Cantor: Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. 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 apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Motet

A morning hymn – Henry Purcell

Thou wakeful shepherd, that does Israel keep,
Rais'd by thy goodness from the bed of sleep,
To thee I offer up this hymn
As my best morning sacrifice;
May it be gracious in thine eyes
To raise me from the bed of sin.
And do I live to see another day,
I vow, my God, henceforth to walk thy ways,

And sing thy praise
All those few days
Thou shalt allow.
Could I redeem the time I have mis-spent
In sinful merriment?
Could I untread
Those paths I led?
I would so expiate each past offence
That ev'n from thence
The innocent should wish themselves like me
When with such crimes they such repentance see.
With joy I'd sing away my breath,
Yet who can die so to receive his 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:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

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 4, Book of Alternative Services

Priest: All: Priest: All:
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Priest: All:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, skill, and many different abilities;
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

*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.*

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,
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.

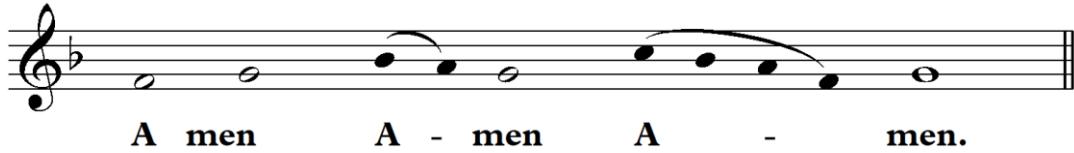
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

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

As Christ taught his friends, and longing for the new life of God's reign,
let us pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen.

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

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.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Prayer after Communion

O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continue offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

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 455)

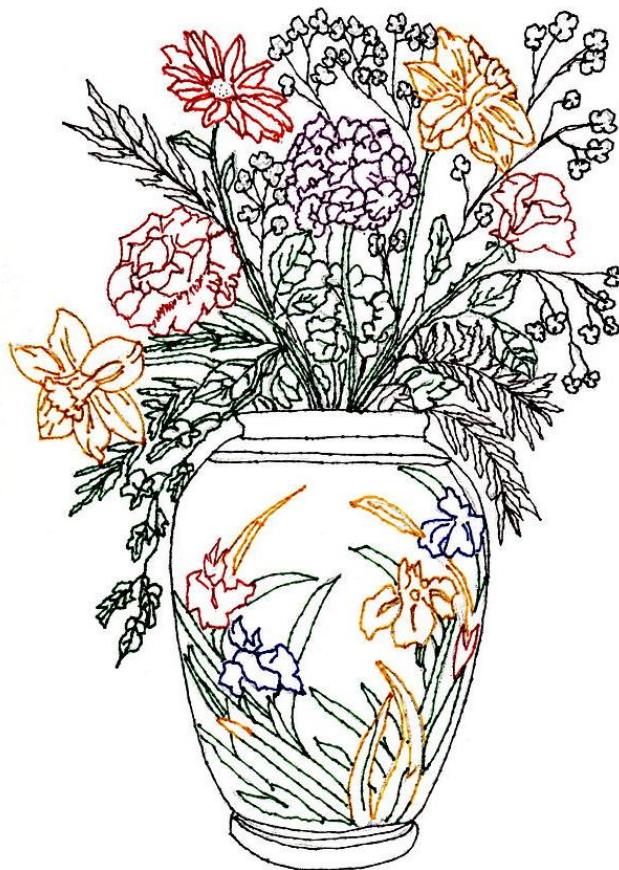
REPTON

1. **Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**
2. **In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee!**
3. **O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!**

- 4. Drop thy still dews of quietness
 till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
 the beauty of thy peace.**
- 5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
 thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still small voice of calm.**

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.

Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.



Readings for July 25th – The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15 The story of David's sin is told with the power of understatement.

Psalm 14 Lament contrasts those who seek God with those who act as if God does not exist.

Ephesians 3:14-21 Here is prayer for inner strengthening and deeper understanding of the surpassing love of Christ.

John 6:1-21 Echoing themes of the Passover, Jesus not only feeds the 5000 but also walks on the seas.

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 is offered to a small in-person congregation and will continue to 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

Mark

Patrick

Anthony

Lorraine

Marion

Cathy

Linda

Edna

Heather

Lorena

Daryl

Aidan

Richard

Anne

Carolyn

Elsie

David & Pat

Richard

Blanche

John

Bill

Ray and family

Chris and Deb

Angela & Nancy

Cat & Daphne

Martha

David

Philip & Lisa

Nicholas

Helen

Gary

Deborah

Ted

Asher

Jessie

Dorylee

Barb & family

Nancy

Carol

Kevin

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