

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

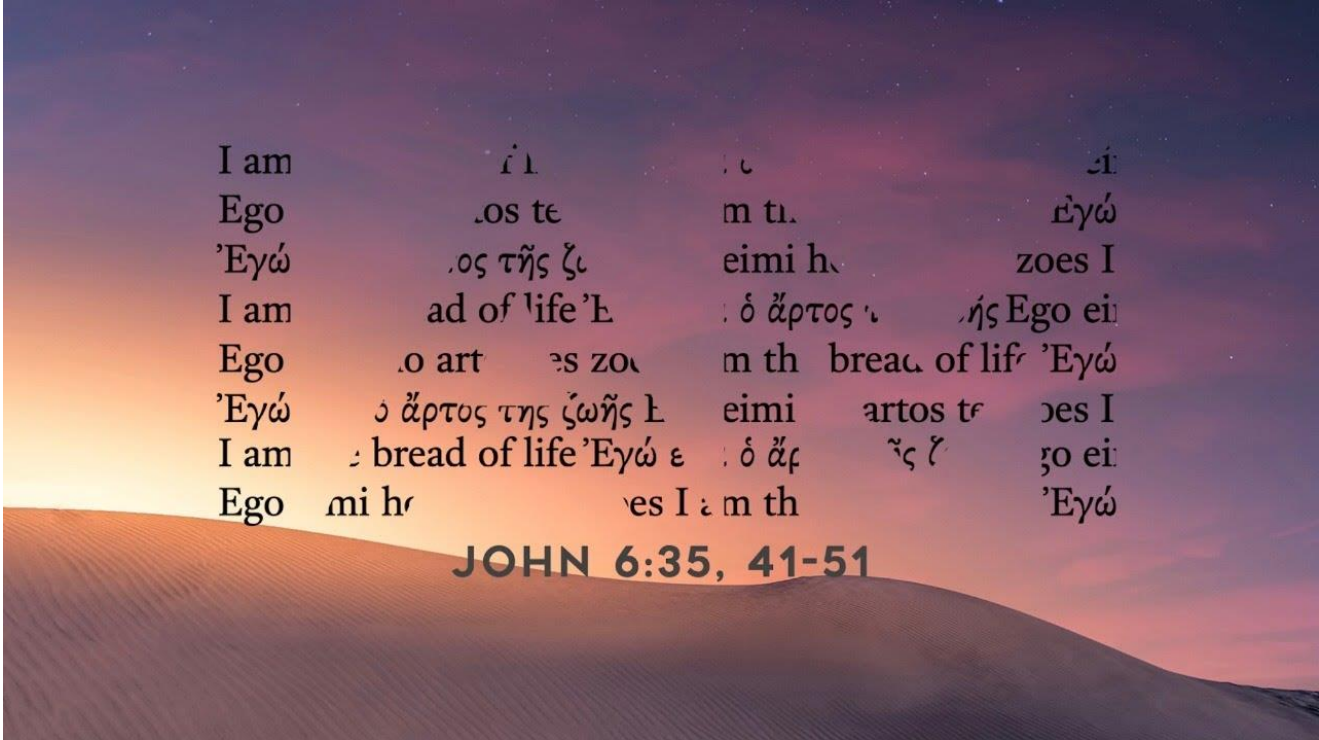
*August 8, 2021*

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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**JOHN 6:35, 41-51**

***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](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

**Greeters:** Karyn Lehmann, Sherrie Allen

**Reader:** Mark Hanson

**Gospel:** Kieran Wilson

**Intercessor:** Kit Pearson

**Sermon:** Stephanie Wood

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

**Cantor:** Randy Stetson

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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 (CP 374)

HYFRYDOL

- 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

2. **Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?**
3. **Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**
4. **Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**
5. **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).

## 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.*

Unseen God,  
drawing all people to the end of our desires:  
teach us to know true bread from false  
and to feed on him who shares our flesh,  
Jesus Christ, our communion.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which

you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

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Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
    let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication  
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
    O Lord, who could stand?  
For there is forgiveness with you;  
    therefore you shall be feared.  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
    in his word is my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
    more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
    for with the Lord there is mercy;  
With him there is plenteous redemption,  
    and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

### Before the Gospel

*Cantor:* Alleluia. I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

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.**

Text: *The Apostles' Creed*; para. Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993).  
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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

### 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:

Father,

receive all we offer you this day,

and grant that in this eucharist

we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 1, 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.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,  
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image,

In all the wonderful diversity of gender you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

You did not cease to care for us

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

*God of power and might,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,

to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,

to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;

he opened the eyes of the blind

and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom

to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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 for the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.’

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice

destroys the power of sin and death;

by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,

and looking for his coming again in glory,

we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,

that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people,

a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

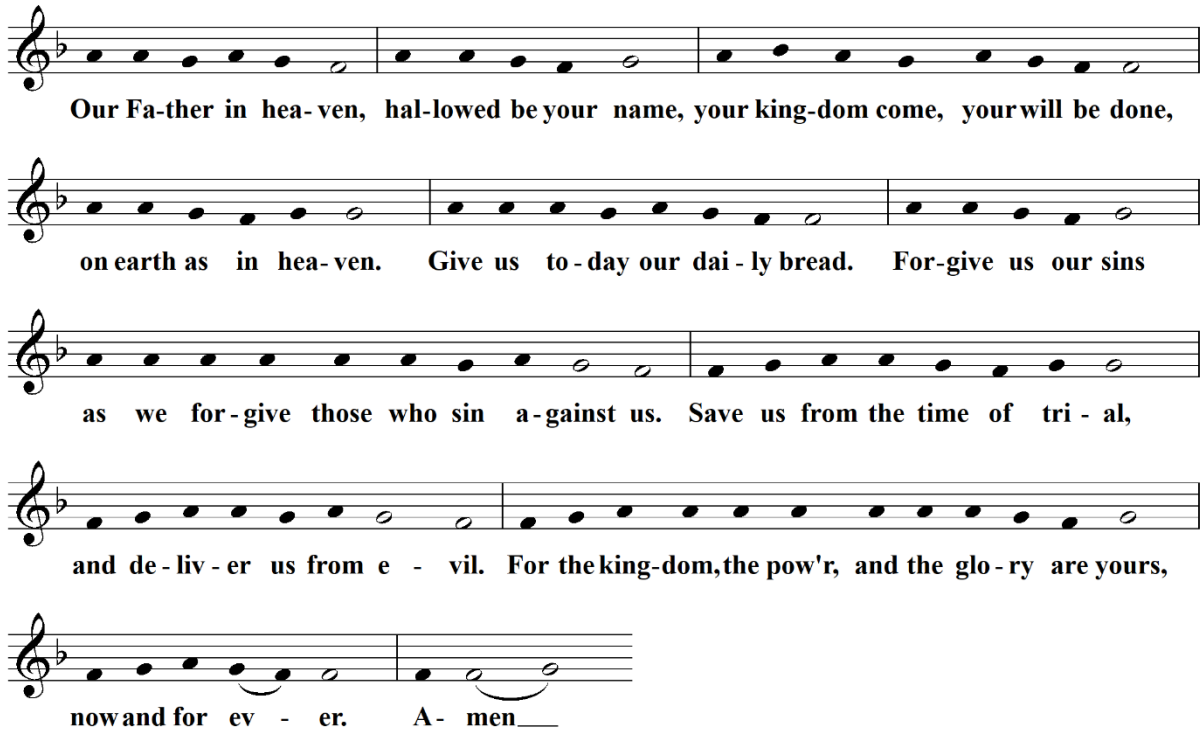
all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



**All: A men A - men A - men.**

## The Disciple's Prayer

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

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.*

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# The Commissioning of the Community

## Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,  
grant to your Church the unity and peace  
that we have tasted in this eucharist,  
the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 (SPr 299)

THAXTED

- 1. O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.**

2. **Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.**

Text: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.

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## **Readings for August 15<sup>th</sup> – The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Isaiah 7:10-15** A prophecy is given to the King of Judah against a background of political intrigue, even as the king expresses his unwillingness to receive a sign. The prophet expresses God's exasperation with the people and says a child will be born, Immanuel – God-with-us, who will be a sign that challenges Ahaz's political games. Though very much a statement for the time, it was later adopted by the Church to refer to Jesus.

### **Psalm 132:6-10, 13-14**

**Galatians 4:4-7** This most passionate letter of St. Paul contains within it a promise of deep intimacy between God and all humanity as all are welcomed into the embrace of our Divine parent – one who we can address in deeply affectionate terms as 'abba, father' or indeed we might use any terms of intimate relationship.

**Luke 1:46-55** This sassy, powerful, prophetic Song of Mary (aka Magnificat) declares that in the divine economy, the poor are lifted up and the mighty brought down from their thrones. Using language and imagery firmly rooted in the Hebrew prophetic tradition, this passage proclaims God as one whose entire being is founded on fierce love and justice, and the coming Messiah as one who will live out those values fully.

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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 is offered to a small in-person congregation (drop-in and limited to 40) and will continue to be livestreamed on the church Facebook page and available via the website

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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	Florence
Richard	Carolyn	Nicholas
Elsie	Liz & Dawn	Aidan
Anthony	David & Pat	Gary
Lorraine	Richard	Deborah
Marion	Blanche	Ted
Cathy	John	Asher
Linda	Bill	Jessie
Edna	Ray and family	David
Heather	Roy, Caroline, Jeremy	Lyndon
Lorena	Angela & Nancy	Nancy
Kevin	Cat & Daphne	Carol
	Martha	Barry

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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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