

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*Harvest Thanksgiving*

*October 10, 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 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 Reverend Canon Deborah Rivet

**Greeters:** Karyn Lehmann

**Reader:** Al Lehmann

**Gospel:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Sermon:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Intercessor:** Kieran Wilson

**Safety Officer:** Sherrie Allen

**Verger:** David Pupak

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Musician:** David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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

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## The Gathering of the Community

### Prelude

Welcome to all who are gathering in the church building and 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 262)

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

- 1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied:  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!**
- 2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

3. **For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offences purge away;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.**
4. **Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest home!  
Gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.**

Text: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.

## 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



*Cantor:* *Glo - ry be to God on high*

*Choir:* **And on earth peace, good will towards all.**



**All:** We praise \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_

**Choir:** We bless you.



**All:** We wor - ship \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**Choir:** We glorify you.



**All:** We give thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ for your great glo - ry.

**Choir:** O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



**All:** O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

**Choir:** O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.



**All:** You take a way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Choir:** You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



**All:** You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



have mer - cy up - on us.

**Choir:** For you only are holy.



**All:** You on - ly \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord.

**Choir:** You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



**All:** A - - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

Creator of the fruitful earth,  
you made us stewards of all things.  
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,  
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,  
that the whole human family,  
today and in generations to come,  
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are  
green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O  
children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given  
the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of  
grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my  
great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with  
you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I  
am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no  
other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Canticle - 'Jubilate Deo' (Psalm 100)

*Setting by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976).  
Translation from Book of Common Prayer (Coverdale, 1549).*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come  
before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be  
thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from  
generation to generation.

The Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

Before the Gospel

*Cantor:* Alleluia.

*All:* **Alleluia.**

*Cantor:* Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

*All:* **Alleluia.**

God is with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

*Following the sermon 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 Hymn (CP 259)

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- 1. For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.**

**For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**
- 2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.**

**In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**
- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

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## 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:

Source of all life,  
the heaven and earth are yours,  
yet you have given us dominion over all things.  
Receive the symbols of our labour and love  
which we offer you this day,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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*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

## Eucharist Prayer #3 (BAS)

The\_ Lord be\_\_\_ with\_ you. **All: And al-so with you.** 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 make us in your own image,  
and call us to new life Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (sung by the choir)

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.*

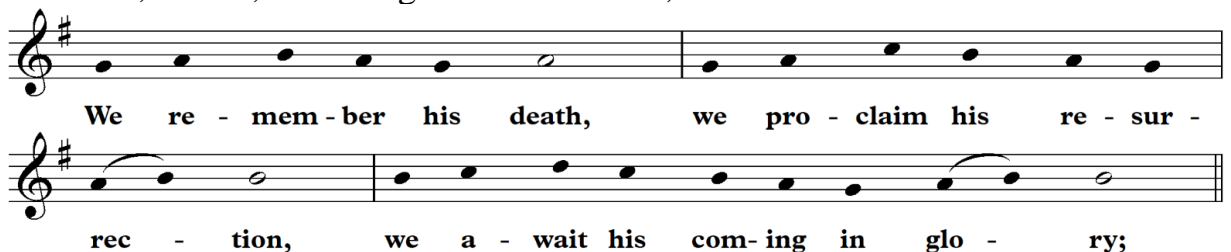
We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from 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:*



We re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur -  
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.

*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 (*sung by the choir*)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

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## The Commissioning of the Community

### Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

God of our hope,  
in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.  
Nourished in these holy mysteries  
may we, with our lives,  
give you continual thanks and praise.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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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.**

1. **Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**
2. **O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessèd peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**
3. **All praise and thanks to God  
eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word,  
who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

Text: Martin Rinchart (1596-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.



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## Flowers

In honour of our anniversary, and for the love of family and friends,  
from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.

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## Readings for October 17<sup>th</sup> – The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Job 38:1-7, 34-41** God responds to Job's assertions of innocence, and goes on for several majestic chapters. But how do you understand God's response? Is God's thundering an adequate and appropriate response to Job's protests, and why does God go on at such length particularly about animals?

**Psalms 104:1-9, 25, 37b** Where is God's power and grandeur first made known to us? In and through the majesty of the created world.

**Hebrews 5:1-10** We understand Jesus's work in many ways: prophet, giver of a new law like Moses, a king in David's line, and here, as a Priest in Order of Melchizedek, a most elusive and mysterious figure who puts in one appearance in the Hebrew Bible.

**Mark 10:35-45** The rulers of the world like to lord it over their people, but in the Kingdom of God the greatest is "the slave of all."

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### 5:30 pm Every Sunday – sung by our Choral Scholars and Choristers

Evensong is a contemplative, musical and prayerful service, ideally suited to the end of the week and the close of day.

Each service includes liturgy and choral music sung by the choir, a pair of congregational hymns, readings related to the morning's lectionary, and prayers plus a short sermon offered by the clergy.

Evensong is offered to a small in-person congregation (no pre-registration required; limited to 70) and will continue to 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.

Anne  
Cathy  
Patrick  
David, Althea  
Liz

Anthony  
Lorena  
Barry  
Sadie  
Addie & family

Heather  
Sylvia  
Beryl  
Peter

**R.I.P.**  
Ralph Schmaltz

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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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