

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

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**CHORAL EVENSONG**

Church of  
St. John the Divine



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

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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.

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.

### Worship in a time of COVID-19

In these times of COVID-19, appropriate protocols are in place. We continue to require masks and physical distance for any in-person gatherings and ask all to observe careful hand hygiene.

**The Sunday morning service** takes place in-person, is also live streamed and is accessible on Zoom. Please check our website on how to book to attend or receive the Zoom link:

<https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca> or contact [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

**Sunday Evensong** will continue livestreamed weekly on the church website and Facebook pages, as well as in-person attendance (no pre-registration required)

**Daily prayer online** is shared daily with a link on our website either live or via recording.

**Contacting Us:** The church office is now open Monday-Friday, 9am-12 Noon. 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.

### Assisting with tonight's Liturgy

**Officiant:** The Rev'd Stephanie Wood

**Music:** The MacRae Choral Scholars,  
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music, Emily Markwart, Sutton Organ Scholar

**Videographer:** Karen Coverett

### A note about language

*In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.*

*Listed music is subject to substitution in the event of changes of personnel or situation.*

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Organ prelude

*Please stand at the entrance of the clergy.*

*The officiant gives a short welcome.*

## The Responses

*Music: Music: T. Tallis, arr. M. Larkin (b. 1963)*

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord. (The Lord's name be praised.)

*Please be seated.*

## Psalm

*Psalm 119:121-136*

121 I deal with the thing that is lawful and right \* O give me not over unto mine oppressors. 122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good \* that the proud do me no wrong. 123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health \* and for the word of thy righteousness. 124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy \* and teach me thy statutes. 125 I am thy servant, O grant me understanding \* that I may know thy testimonies. 126 It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand \* for they have destroyed thy law. 127 For I love thy commandments \* above gold and precious stone. 128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments \* and all false ways I utterly abhor.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful \* therefore doth my soul keep them. 130 When thy word goeth forth \* it giveth light and understanding unto the simple. 131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath \* for my delight was in thy commandments. 132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me \* as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name. 133 Order my steps in thy word \* and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me. 134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men \* and so shall I keep thy commandments. 135 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant \* and teach me thy statutes. 136 Mine eyes gush out with water \* because men keep not thy law.

*Please stand for the Gloria Patri:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son \* and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be \* world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth. When clouds are full, they empty rain on the earth; whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. Whoever observes the wind will not sow; and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything.

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.

Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity.

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly.

The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

*Please stand.*

## Magnificat

*Text: Lk. 1:46-55 Music: Sarah Rimkus (2018), Evening Canticles.*

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Second Lesson

*Text: Luke 18:9-14*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

*Please stand.*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Text: Luke 2:29-32. Music: Rimkus*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

**All:** I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## Responses, Lord's Prayer, and Collects

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

*Please remain standing, kneel, or be seated as is your preference for prayer.*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Cantor:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*First Collect, of the day:*

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Second Collect, for Peace:*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*Third Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem**

*Text: Psalm 39 vv. 5-8, 13, 15; Music: Maurice Greene (1695-1755)*

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days,  
that I may be certified how long I have to live.  
Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long,  
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;  
And verily every man living is altogether vanity.  
For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain;  
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.  
And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.  
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling;  
hold not thy peace at my tears.  
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength,  
before I go hence, and be no more seen.

*Please remain seated, kneel, or stand as is your preference for prayer.*

**Intercessions**

*Please stand to sing the hymn, overleaf.*

## Hymn (NEP 630)

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| <p><b>1 Christ be the Lord of all our days,<br/>the swiftly passing years:<br/>Lord of our unremembered birth,<br/>heirs to the brightness of the earth;<br/>Lord of our griefs and fears.</b></p> <p><b>2 Christ be the source of all our deeds,<br/>the life our living shares;<br/>the fount which flows from worlds above<br/>to never-failing springs of love;<br/>the ground of all our prayers.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Christ be the goal of all our hopes,<br/>the end to whom we come;<br/>guide of each pilgrim Christian soul<br/>which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,<br/>our many-mansioned home.</b></p> <p><b>4 Christ be the vision of our lives,<br/>of all we think and are:<br/>to shine upon our spirits' sight<br/>as light of everlasting light,<br/>the bright and morning star.</b></p> |
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*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*Please stand to sing the hymn.*

## Final Hymn (CP 431)

Text: Charles William Everest (1814-1877). Music: BRESLAU, Lochamer Liederbuch, c. 1450.

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| <p><b>1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said,<br/>if you would my disciple be;<br/>deny yourself, the world forsake,<br/>and humbly follow after me.</b></p> <p><b>2 Take up your cross; let not its weight<br/>fill your weak soul with vain alarm;<br/>his strength shall bear your spirit up,<br/>and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,<br/>and let your foolish pride be still;<br/>your Lord for you endured to die<br/>upon a cross on Calvary's hill.</b></p> <p><b>4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,<br/>and calmly every danger brave:<br/>'twill guide you to a better home<br/>and lead to victory o'er the grave.</b></p> <p><b>5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,<br/>nor think till death to lay it down;<br/>for only those who bear the cross<br/>may hope to wear the glorious crown.</b></p> |
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## The Blessing or Grace

## Organ Voluntary

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