

The Church of St. John the Divine

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday

November 14, 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 hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Louise Langman, Ann McLaren

Reader: Paul Gillan

Gospel: Karen Coverett

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: Susan Bangsgrave

Safety Officer: Sherrie Allen

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine; Char Hodgkins

Emily Markwart, Sutton Organ Scholar

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Trumpet: David Barss

Setting: Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode -
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Welcome to all who are gathering in the church building and online.

Please stand.

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence
and faith.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

The choir responds with Kyrie Eleison in Greek.

Remembering

We meet in the presence of God,
to commit ourselves to work
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

read by Doug Henderson

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post

Silence is kept.

Reveille

The following prayer is said:

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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 567)

MELITA

- 1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm restrains the restless wave,
who bids the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed bounds to keep:
we cry, O God of majesty,
for those in peril on the sea.**

2. **O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at your word,
who walked across the surging deep
and in the storm lay calm in sleep:
we cry, O Lord of Galilee,
for those in peril on the sea.**
3. **Creator Spirit, by whose breath
were fashioned sea and sky and earth;
who made the stormy chaos cease
and gave us life and light and peace:
we cry, O Spirit strong and free,
for those in peril on the sea.**
4. **O Trinity of love and power,
preserve their lives in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, flood and flame,
protect them by your holy name,
and to your glory let there be
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

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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.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Timeless One,
you create all moments of our lives,
giving each its meaning and its purpose.
Strengthen us to witness continually
to the love of Jesus Christ,
so that we may hold fast in times of trial,
even to the end of the ages.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds’, he also adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

The Song of Hannah

My heart exults in you, O God; my triumph song is lifted in you. My mouth derides my enemies, for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, nor any rock to be compared to you, our God. Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; only God is knowing and weighs all actions.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the weak are clothed in strength. Those once full now labour for bread, those who hungered now are well fed.

The childless woman has borne sevenfold, while the mother of many is forlorn.
God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.
God raises the poor from the dust; and lifts the needy from the ash heap. To make them sit with the rulers and inherit a place of honour. For the pillars of the earth are God's on which the whole earth is founded.

The Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Alleluia.

All: **Alleluia.**

Cantor: Watch at all times, praying that you may stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21:36

All: **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.**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Following the sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe and trust in God the Creator.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, incarnate Word.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

(from *Creating Uncommon Worship* by Richard Giles, altd.)

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 Hymn (CP 529)

MICHAEL

1. **God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
you alone,
call my heart to be your own.**
2. **Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**
3. **Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand,
love takes stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.**

4. God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.
5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call
one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

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

Eucharist Prayer #3 (BAS)

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ the Lord,
who on this first day of the week
overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
In our unending joy
we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven
as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus (*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 all for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All:



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;

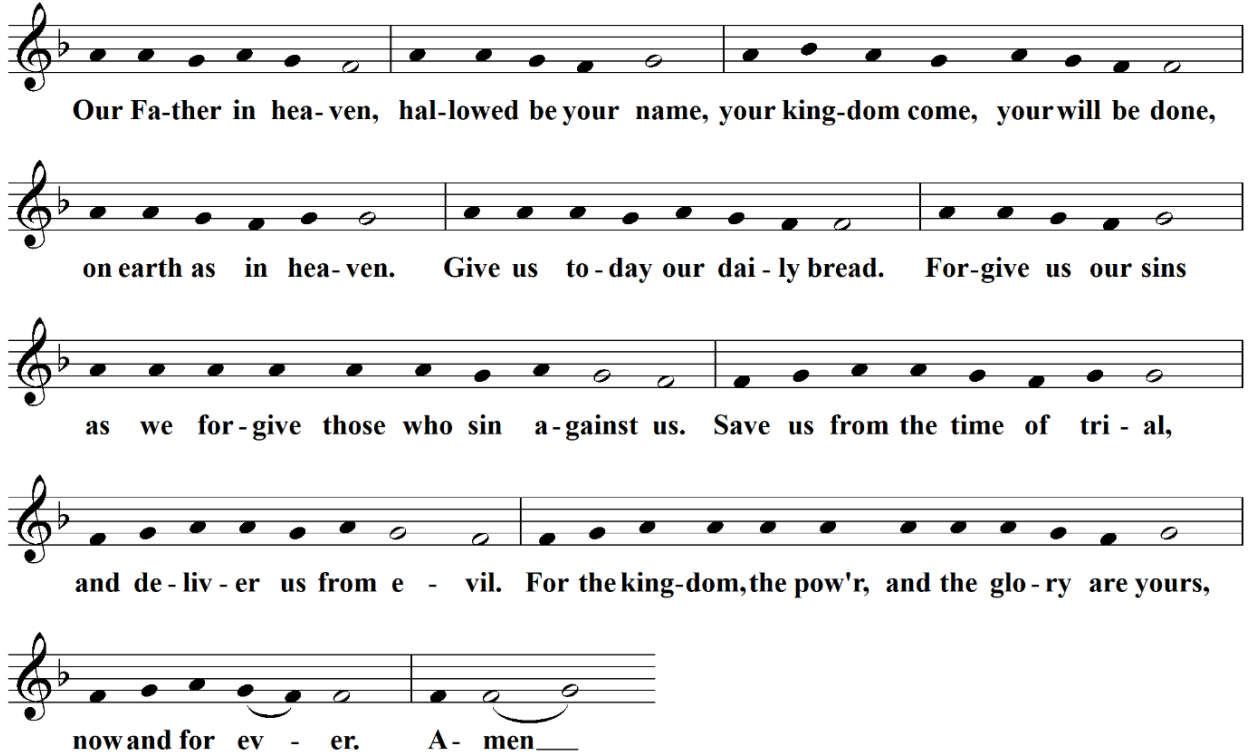
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



All:

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.

The deacon will have gluten-free wafers available to those who wish them.

After receiving communion, please move to your right to go back to your seat.

Agnus Dei

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.

Music during Communion

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Text: Revelation 21:1-4 Music: Edgar Bainton (1880-1956).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

One body are we.

All: For, though we are in many places, we spiritually share one bread.

The Doxology

Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn (CP 575)

THAXTED

1. Let streams of living justice flow
down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron power;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.
2. For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colours with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language:
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in other's dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour:
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

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Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.

Flowers

In memory of my Mum, Iris Powell, a Red Cross Nurse during WW2, from Susan and Larry.



Readings for November 21st – The Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7 The reign of David is coming to an end, and we hear his last words of blessing on Israel.

Psalm 132 God's everlasting covenant is heralded.

Revelation 1:4b-8 Figurative language and poetic images speak to us about the coming reign of Christ in our lives.

John 18:33-37 When Pilate asks Jesus 'are you a king?', Pilate cannot understand Jesus' answer.

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

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Mark
Liz & Mark
Kerry

Cathy
John
Jonah
Bob & Donna

Heather
Daryl
Keeley

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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