

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The First Eucharist of Christmas 10:30 pm, December 24, 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.

### **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.*

# 10:30 pm First Eucharist of Christmas

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*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold print**.*

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Greeters:** Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger

**Crucifer:** Susanna Peterson

**Readers:** Mark Hanson, Carol Denton

**Gospel:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

**Intercessor:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Verger:** Douwe Bosma

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

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

Emily Markwart, Sutton Organ Scholar

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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## The Gathering of the Community

*Please stand as the clergy and choir procession in.*

Introit (*sung by the choir*)

And it was in a simple Gloria that quiet morn,  
And it was in a simple Gloria the Child was born.  
The angels sang a simple Gloria that echoed gently through the stars.  
The shepherds heard the simple Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Salvator mundi natus est.

Ergo nos cum gaudio, cum gaudio,

Natus est Emmanuel.

Gloria.

*Glory in the highest.*

*The saviour of the world is born.*

*Now, with joy,*

*Emmanuel is born.*

Words: M. K. Dean (b. 1950). Music: Libby Larsen (b. 1950).

Blessing of the Creche

*Please turn to face the creche.*

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ,  
let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son,  
born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father, on this night your Son Jesus Christ  
was born of the Virgin Mary for healing and salvation;  
bless this crib which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith,  
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring;  
who is alive and reigns for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Common Worship: Times and Seasons

# Opening Hymn

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics 'Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.' are written below the fourth staff, with a long horizontal line underlining the words 'more' and 'more'.

1. **Of eternal Love begotten,  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
*Evermore and evermore.***
2. **At his word the worlds were framèd;  
He commanded; it was done:  
Heav'n and earth and depths of ocean  
In their threefold order one;  
All that grows beneath the shining  
Of the moon and burning sun,  
*Evermore and evermore.***
3. **O that Birth for ever blessed!  
When the Maiden, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Saviour of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer  
First reveal'd his sacred Face,  
*Evermore and evermore.***
4. **This is he, whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord;  
Whom the voices of the Prophets  
Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord,  
*Evermore and evermore.***

5. Let the storm and summer sunshine,  
Gliding stream and sounding shore  
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,  
Day and night their Lord adore;  
Let creation join to laud thee  
Through the ages evermore,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

6. O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;  
Angel hosts his praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him,  
And extol our God and King:  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413); Tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866),  
Sir H. W. Baker (1821-1877), and R. F. Davis (1866-1937).  
Music: Plainsong, 12<sup>th</sup> century, adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582.  
Descant: D. Stratkauskas.

## Greeting

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.**

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Minister: Blessed are you, loving God, creator of the Universe,

**All: For you have made all things, and love your creation.**

Minister: Gracious God, you have made light and dark, day and night, we give thanks for the wholeness of your life. We remember that in light things are clearer, and in darkness we may learn to trust in you and celebrate your mystery.

**All: For darkness and light are the same to you.**

As these Advent lights remind us of the light brought to us from our history, and our welcome into your Church in baptism, we pray that we too may be people of light and life.

You are God through all time – who in Jesus, the Christ, made yourself known through acts of love and healing, and through declarations of the justice and truth of God's reign of peace and wholeness. As we now light this Christ candle, may we know you in this time and in this place as the God of now and of always, God of promise, and God of hope.

Minister: Blessed are you, loving God, creator of the Universe,

**All: For you have made all things, and love your creation.**

# 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 away 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 for Christmas

Almighty God,  
as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory  
and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004

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## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**



1. **Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing.**
2. **Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy.**
3. **No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found.**
4. **He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love.**

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.  
Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759); adapt. Wm. Holford, *Voce de Melodia*, 1835.

## The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he

says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

John 1:1-14

*Before the Gospel*



Musical notation for Cantor and All: Alleluia. The notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Cantor part consists of a single line of music with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The All: part consists of a single line of music with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.' Both parts feature a melodic line with a long note on 'Al' and a series of eighth notes for 'le - lu - ia.'

*Choir* : The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.



Musical notation for All: Alleluia. The notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a single line of music with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is similar to the Cantor part, with a long note on 'Al' and eighth notes for 'le - lu - ia.'

God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*After the Gospel*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Please be seated for:*

**The Sermon**

*Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.*

**Anthem**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain—Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In the bleak mid-winter, a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I should do my part. Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894).

Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976).

## **Affirmation of Faith**

## The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father.**

**Who with the Father and the Son**

**is worshipped and glorified.**

**Who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism**

**for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

Prayers of the People  
*Please stand, sit or kneel.*

The Peace  
*Please stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always 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

*During the hymn, bread and wine are brought to the Altar and a collection will be taken.*

Offertory Hymn

CRANHAM

*Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap - py dawn!*  
*Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.*

- 1. See, amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See, the tender Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years!**  
*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!*  
*Hail, redemption's happy dawn!*  
*Sing through all Jerusalem:*  
*Christ is born in Bethlehem!*
- 2. Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
He who throned in height sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim.**  
*Hail, thou ever...*

*Solo:* 3. *Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?*

**All: Hail, thou ever...**

*Solo: 4. 'As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels, singing "Peace on earth"  
Told us of the Saviour's birth.'*

*All: Hail, thou ever...*

**5. Sacred infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this!  
Hail, thou ever...**

Text: *E. Caswall (1814-1878).*  
Music: **HUMILITY** *John Goss (1800-1880).*  
Descant & verse 3 & 4 arrangements: D. Stratkauskas

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Please remain standing.*

Source of light and gladness,  
accept all we offer on this joyful feast.  
May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;  
for he is Lord now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer II an Incarnation

*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.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our creator.  
Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,  
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.  
Day and night celebrate your glory, till time shall be no more.  
In Christ, your Word became flesh,  
and on this night was born of Mary.  
He emptied himself, taking our human form,  
That through his incarnation and passion  
we might come to share in his divine nature.  
Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation  
moved over the face of the waters,  
and visited Mary at Nazareth,  
we await with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation.

As children of your redeeming purpose  
who celebrate the birth of your Son, we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

## Sanctus

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| Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,<br>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.<br>Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.<br>Osanna in excelsis. | <i>Holy, holy, holy<br/>Lord God of power and might.<br/>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.<br/>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
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| Benedictus qui venit<br>in nomine Domini.<br>Osanna in excelsis. | <i>Blessed is he who comes<br/>in the name of the Lord.<br/>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
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Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God.  
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us,  
and lived for a time among us,  
that we might for ever live with you.  
In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt,  
and as the carpenter's son, the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.

Hearing your call, he accepted death on the cross.  
When you exalted him on the third day,  
and bestowed on him the name above all names,  
he opened the gate of glory  
that we might be your children and share in your Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
and at supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of your reign.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.  
Hear us, most merciful God,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this bread and this wine,  
 that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
 and we may be kindled with the fire  
 of your love and renewed for the service of your reign.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
 to live and work to your praise and glory;  
 may we grow together in unity and love  
 until at last, in your new creation,  
 we enter into our heritage  
 in the company of the Mary,  
 the apostles, and prophets,  
 and of all peoples, living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ, with whom, and in whom,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,  
 God of all ages, world without end.



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

## The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
 as our Saviour taught us, so we 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-against 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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to receive communion. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread is considered full communion. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.*

*If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.*

*Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.*

## Music during Communion (*sung by the choir*)

### Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.



1. **Silent night! Holy night!**  
 All is calm, all is bright  
 round yon virgin mother and child.  
 Holy infant so tender and mild,  
 sleep in heavenly peace.
2. **Silent night! Holy night!**  
 Shepherds quake at the sight:  
 glories stream from heaven afar,  
 heavenly hosts sing alleluia,  
 Christ the Saviour is born.
3. **Silent night! Holy night!**  
 Son of God, love's pure light  
 radiant beams from thy holy face,  
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. J. F. Young (1820- 1885).  
 Melody: Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863).  
 Descant: D. Stratkauskas.

## The Commissioning of the Community

### Prayer after Communion

Creator of all,  
 tonight you have united earth and heaven  
 in sending your Son to take our human nature.  
 May we who have tasted heavenly things  
 share in the life of his eternal kingdom.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## The Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
and the blessing...

**All: Amen.**

## Dismissal

**Deacon:** Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn (CP 118)

ADESTE, FIDELES



- 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:  
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***
- 2. God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten not created:  
*O come, let us adore him....***
- 3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come, let us adore him....***
- 4. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, in the highest:  
*O come, let us adore him....***
- 5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore him....***

Text: Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> c., Tr. F. Oakley (1802-80) and others.  
Music, probably by J. F. Wade (1711-86). Descant: D. Willcocks (1919-2015).

## Voluntary

### **Poinsettias – Given to the Glory of God**

In loving memory of Helene Nadeau, from Daniel, Ruth, Luc, Paul & Camryn.

In memory of my parents, Jim & Olga Reid, from Judith.

In memory of loved ones, from Enid Luneburg.

In loving memory of family and friends, from The Zengers.

In loving memory of Alan Ormerod, from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.

In memory of my parents, Emily & Robert Humphries, from Barbara Jenks.

Merry Christmas Church Family, from Chuck Neilson.

In memory of John Money, from the family.

In loving memory of Margurite & Harold Henrickson and Betty & Thomas Melville,  
from Bruce and Gerry.

In loving memory of Neil Walker, from Margaret.



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### **Flowers are given to the glory of God**

In thanksgiving for family and friends, from Bruce & Gerry Melville.

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### **Christmas Services**

December 25    10:00 am    Holy Communion for Christmas Day (BAS)

### **Epiphany Services**

January 2        10:00 am        Parish Eucharist (BAS), & Chalking of the Doors

### **Christmas Office Hours**

Closed: December 25<sup>th</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Normal office hours resume Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>    9:00 am – 12 Noon

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## **Regular Sunday Services at St. John the Divine**

**10:00 a.m. ❖ Parish Eucharist** (in person, via Zoom and live streamed)

*The main weekly service, with sermon, congregational singing, choral music, and Communion.*

**5:30 p.m. ❖ Choral Evensong** (in person and live streamed)

*The ancient evening service of the Anglican Church, with readings, chant, prayer, and choral music.*

Please contact the office to receive the Zoom and live stream links.



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## **The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine**

### **Stewards**

People's Warden: Joan Huzar  
Associate Warden: Lorraine Gates  
Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

Rector's Warden: Michael King  
Associate Warden: Karen Coverett  
Treasurer: David Buckman

### **Parish Council**

Susan Bangrove, Carol Denton, Marguerite Heppell,  
Erin Kelly, Miles Motture, Wendy Suddaby

### **Synod Delegates**

Karen Coverett, Joel Hefty, Bill Huzar, Joan Huzar

### **Staff Supporting the Ministry of St. John's**

Incumbent: The Ven. Alastair Singh-McCollum  
Assistant Curate: The Rev'd Stephanie Wood  
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Director of Music: David Stratkauskas  
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