

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 16, 2022*

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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The Wedding Feast at Cana; Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld; 1819

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

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

**Greeters:** Louise Langman, Karyn Lehmann

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Reader:** Virginia Miller (via Zoom)

**Gospel:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Sermon:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Intercessor:** Kit Pearson

**Safety Officer:** Christine Scott

**Vergers:** Chuck Neilson

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

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

The MacRae Choral Scholars

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

**Setting:** Messe d'Escalquens – Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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## The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Territorial Acknowledgement and 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.**

1. **Jesus, come, for we invite you,  
    guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana’s wedding,  
    speak, and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
    hope be born and joy restored.**
2. **Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures,  
    guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants;  
    let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
    all shall see what you have done.**
3. **Jesus, come in new creation,  
    heaven brought near in power divine;  
give your unexpected glory,  
    changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—  
    come, our first and greatest sign!**
4. **Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness;  
    make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
    all the best you have to give:  
let us find our hidden riches,  
    taste your love, believe and live!**

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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.**

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 (sung by the choir)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and peace to his people on earth.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>almighty God and Father,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>we praise you for your glory.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us;</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer;</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>you who are seated at the right hand of the</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>Father: have mercy on us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>
Tu solus Altissimus,	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
Iesu Christe.	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

Lord of the wedding feast,  
take our hearts of stone  
and flood them with new wine,  
so that we may savour the daily miracles  
that reveal your Son in our midst,  
Jesus the Christ.

**All: Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

36:5-10

Your love, O GOD, reaches to the heavens, \* and your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both human and beast, O GOD.  
How priceless is your love, O God! \* your people take refuge under the shadow of  
your wings.  
They feast upon the abundance of your house; \* you give them drink from the river  
of your delights.  
For with you is the well of life, \* and in your light we see light.  
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \* and your favour to those  
who are true of heart.

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

John 2:1-11

Before the Gospel

*Cantor:* Alleluia.

**All: Alleluia.**

*Cantor:* Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him. John 2:11

**All: 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.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become

wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 contactless sign of peace.*

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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn (CP 525)

AURELIA

1. **The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought us  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought us,  
and for our life he died.**
2. **Elect from every nation  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
our charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one glorious name we hallow,  
partake one holy food,  
and to one hope we follow,  
with every grace endued.**
3. **Though with dismay and wonder  
we see the church oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed:  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**
4. **'Mid toil and tribulation  
and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation  
of peace for evermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
our longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**
5. **Yet on earth have union  
with God the Three-in-One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

Text: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900), 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:

God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.  
Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.

**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

Eucharistic Prayer II b (The Incarnation)  
The Scottish Episcopal Church (amended)

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *Priest:*, *All:*, *Priest:*, and *All:*. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The second staff has two measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *Priest:* and *All:*. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

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 only-begotten Son, you have revealed yourself to the world.

By the guiding of a star, you made him known to the nations  
as the son of David and king of Israel; that in following him,  
we might be led from darkness and into marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit,

who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan,  
we who are baptized strive for God's reign,  
in whose radiance we are transfigured  
and the earth is transformed.

As children by your loving hand  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (*Sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God.  
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.  
Our hope, in whom you are well pleased.  
Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,  
he proclaimed the good news of your coming.  
The blind received their sight, the lame walked,  
the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free.  
At his word, water became wine, the hungry were filled with bread,  
and the dead were raised.

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 God's reign.  
Made one with God, 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, 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 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 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-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.**

*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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*  
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*  
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

## Anthem

A New Year Carol – Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Here we bring new water from the well so clear  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year

Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.  
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, etc.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.  
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, etc.

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

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## The Commissioning of the Community

### Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

Gracious God, lover of all,  
by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.  
Help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
We ask this in his name.

**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

*Deacon:* Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

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

## Final Hymn (CP 101)

CRÜGER

1. **Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.**
2. **He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.**
3. **Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.**
4. **O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessings and all-best.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever:  
that name to us is Love.**

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.

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## Readings for January 23<sup>rd</sup> – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** The exiles have returned to Jerusalem after years of Babylonian captivity and the reading of the law of Moses symbolically reinstates their traditional faith.

**Psalm 19** God is praised as creator of nature and giver of the law.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** Paul's metaphor, the church as the body of Christ, teaches us that absolutely all members are needed in order for the whole to be complete.

**Luke 4:14-21** Luke's gospel puts the story of Jesus reading scripture in his hometown synagogue at the beginning of his ministry, a kind of social manifesto announcing that Jubilee is happening through Jesus.

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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.

Mark  
John  
Anne  
Pat

Cathy  
Daryl  
Eric  
Kat

Heather  
Geoffrey  
Charlotte  
Bob & Jean

Hagos, Tsigay & family



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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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