

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

## *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

### *March 13, 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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***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 as we move forward in COVID-19:*** We are carefully gathering for **worship in-person at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:30pm (BCP Evensong)** – no booking is required, and we continue to remain masked through the services and practice respectful distances and safety protocols. We encourage in-person attendance for all who are vaccinated, and if not-vaccinated, unable to attend in person, or feeling vulnerable or unable to mask we would encourage you to join via Zoom (email [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for link) or through the livestream on the Website: <https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

For those wishing to attend midweek gatherings, proof of vaccination is required, please contact the office for details.

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

**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

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

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

**Greeters:** Bill & Joan Huzar

**Crucifer:** Chuck Neilson

**Readers:** Judith Branion, Kit Pearson

**Gospel:** Lorraine Gates

**Sermon:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Intercessor:** David Buckman

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

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

Emily Markwart, Sutton Organ Scholar

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

**Setting:** Margaret Drynan in F minor

## The Gathering of the Community

*As we seek to care for one another in pandemic, we remember that masks must be worn over nose and mouth in our services at all times, especially when singing.*

*Please stand as you are able as the procession moves up the centre aisle.*

*During the procession we sing: (CP 360)*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Text: Ps. 103:1-2; para. Taizé Community (France).

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

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**Land 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.

*The family candle will remain lit in the church, for those at home please blow out your candles during the Collect.*

## Confession and Absolution

Christ the great reconciler calls us to be reconciled to God, one another, and within ourselves.  
Let us open ourselves to God's calling to healing and wholeness and acknowledge our brokenness and longing.

*Silence is kept.*

## Kyrie Eleison

*During Lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.*

<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	Christ, have mercy.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord, have mercy.

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

Brooding Spirit,  
beneath your wings there is creation and life:  
accompany us on the difficult path  
with the disappeared, the broken and the fearful,  
so that we find the way to the city of your peace  
where we are all accepted as your beloved;  
through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord.

**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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17, 18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in God.

One thing have I asked of God; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of God and to seek God in God's temple.

For in the day of trouble God shall keep me safe in their shelter; God shall hide me in the secrecy of their dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now God lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to God.

Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, God, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my parents forsake me, God will sustain me.

Show me your way, O God; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of God in the land of the living!

O tarry and await God's pleasure; be strong, and God shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for God.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms.

Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use).

Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman, the Rev. K.D. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn (USA 455)

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
 high, our life to live, our death to die.  
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)  
 Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)


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# The Gospel

## Before the Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

*Cantor:*



Praise to you O\_\_\_\_\_ Christ, *All:* King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

*Deacon or cantor: The Lord is a great God; O that today you would listen to his voice; harden not your hearts.*

*All:*



Praise to you O\_\_\_\_\_ Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”’

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

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, alt.)*



## 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 503)

PENTECOST

1. **Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
lay hold on life and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally.**
2. **Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up thine eyes and seek his face.  
Life with its path before us lies;  
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.**
3. **Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide;  
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**
4. **Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;  
he changeth not and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875).

## 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 our provider,  
you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts,  
which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

*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

Supplementary Prayer One  
Church of England

The musical notation is presented in two staves. The first staff contains four measures of music. The first measure is labeled 'Priest:' and the second 'All:'. The third measure is labeled 'Priest:' and the fourth 'All:'. The lyrics for the first staff are: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The second staff contains two measures of music. The first measure is labeled 'Priest:' and the second 'All:'. The lyrics for the second staff are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.  
You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy**

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
Suffering on the cross;  
Dying to save us from sin;  
rising in glory from the dead.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy**

You sent your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

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.*

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

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with friends.  
Taking bread, Jesus thanked you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.  
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine, thanked you, and gave it to them,  
saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Creator, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember Jesus' death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

**All: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

**All: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and 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-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 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.

## Anthem during Communion

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122.6,7. Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

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## The Commissioning of the Community

### Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;  
may our fasting be hunger for justice;  
our alms, a making of peace;  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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.**

## Final Hymn (CP 537)

CROSS OF JESUS

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me:  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more lustre to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

Text: John Bowring (1792-1872).

Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.



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## Readings for March 20 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Isaiah 55:1-9** Sinners are called to forsake evil ways and to turn to the Lord, fully assured that God's pardon is freely available.

**Psalms 63:1-8** Great trust and confidence in God are expressed.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13** Paul recalls Israel's experience in the wilderness as a caution against false confidence and a reminder to flee the sins of idolatry and self-indulgence.

**Luke 13:1-9** Jesus makes an urgent call to repentance, one of the most compelling in the New Testament.

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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  
Daryl  
Eric  
Liz  
Frank

David  
Anne  
Charlotte  
Jenn & family  
Esrael

John  
Nancy  
Kat  
Joe & family



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

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