

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

Easter Day *April 17, 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.



Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. Mary at the Tomb, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59189> [retrieved April 15, 2022]. Original source: Contact the Vanderbilt Divinity Library for further information.

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 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. 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 Reverend Stephanie Wood

Greeters: Judith Reid, Christine Scott

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Readers: David Buckman, Judith Reid

Gospel: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Vergers: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers and Music Scholars of St. John the Divine

Setting: Coronation Mass, W.A. Mozart

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.

Lighting of the Easter Candle

Christ yesterday and today,
All: the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
All: to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister carrying the Candle raises it and says or sings

The light of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

The candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the building.



All Sing: Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
 Around God's throne exult in harmony!
 Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
 Salute your King in glorious symphony!

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
 The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
 Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
 The night is past, the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
 The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
 Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
 Let all God's people sound the long Amen!

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 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 children and their leaders will now gather in the Parish House and will rejoin us for Communion.

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

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Loving God,

through an empty tomb

you deliver us from sin and death,

and bring us to new life.

Grant us courage to enter into your abundant joy,

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever

in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,

and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

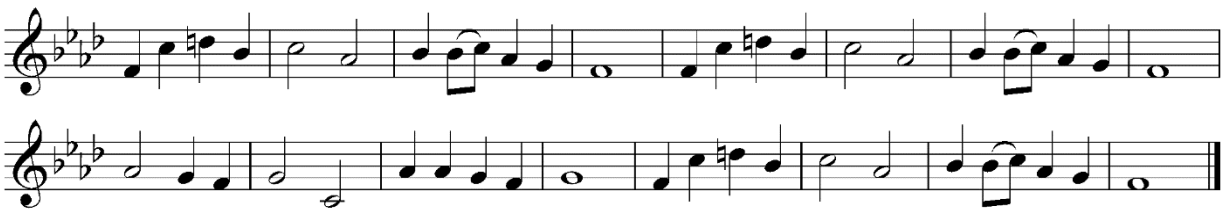
No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labour in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 says the LORD.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (CP 237)

NOËL NOUVELET



1. **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
2. **In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

3. **Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
4. **When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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The Epistle


Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.


All sing:



Chris-tians to the Pas-chal vic-tim, of-fer your thank-ful prais-es!

*Choir: A lamb, the sheep redeeming: Christ, who only is sinless,
reconciles a lost world to the Father.*


All sing:



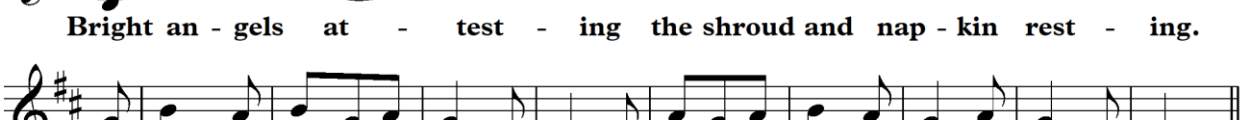
Death and life have con-tend-ed in that com-bat stu-pend-ous: the Prince of Life, who died, reigns im-mor-tal.

*Choir: Tell, Mary, we will hearken, what you saw in the garden:
'The tomb of Christ who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection.'*

All high voices sing:




Bright an-gels at-test-ing the shroud and nap-kin rest-ing.




For Christ my hope is a-ris-en; to Ga-li-lee he will go be-fore you.

All sing:



Christ in-deed from death is ris-en, our new life ob-tain-ing; have mer-cy, vic-tor King, ev-er reign-ing!



A-men. Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Wigbert (?-1050?). Tr. The Antiphoner and Grail, 1880, alt. Music: Plainsong, Mode 1.

The Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Before the Gospel:



Deacon: I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one.
I was dead and behold I am alive for ever more..



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.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the address there will be a pause for silence.

Anthem

Haec dies
quam fecit Dominus.
Exultemus et laetemur in ea.
Alleluia.

*This is the day
which the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.*

Music: William Byrd (1543-1623)

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

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

SALZBURG



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercèd side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests his blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.
2. Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.
3. Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.

Text: J. Hintze (1622-1702); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868).

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,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need
through 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.

Let us pray.

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 Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 for these measures are: "The Lord be with you.", "And al-so with you.", "Lift up your hearts.", and "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 for these measures are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." and "It is right to give our thanks and praise.".

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

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.*

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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 many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.
**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
 that through them you may sustain us
 in our hunger for your peace.
 We hold before you
 all whose lives are marked by suffering,
 our sisters and brothers.
 When we are broken and cast aside,
 embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours,
 O Source of all life,
 now and for 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-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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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.

Music During Communion

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

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

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.*

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

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

Prayer after Communion

God of life,
bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Final Hymn (CP 203)

EASTER HYMN



1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!**
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!**
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. **But the pains which he endured, alleluia!**
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Text: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.

Please join us in church or on Zoom for refreshments and fellowship.



Readings for April 24th – 1st Sunday after Easter

Acts 5:27-32 Religious authorities have no power in the face of what God has done, and is doing.

Psalms 150 A call is sounded out to praise God throughout all creation with every means available.

Revelation 1:4-8 John of Patmos wrote words of hope for those who knew that dying for their faith was a real possibility.

John 20:19-31 Here is encouragement to believe in the risen Christ.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God in memory of my loving parents, Malcolm and Dulcie Mary McCallum, from a grateful daughter, Judy McCallum.



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
Brian

David
Anne
Charlotte
Jenn & family
Esrael
Chris

John
Nancy
Kat
Joe & family
Lisa

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