



**August 7, 2022**

# **The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

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

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## St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

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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.

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.

### Worship in a time of COVID-19

In these times of COVID-19, appropriate protocols are in place. We continue to require masks and physical distance for any in-person gatherings and ask all to observe careful hand hygiene.

**The Sunday morning service** takes place in-person, is also live streamed and is accessible on Zoom.

**Sunday Evensong** also takes place in person, and livestreamed on the church website and Facebook pages

There is no need to pre-register to attend either service.

**Daily prayer online** is shared daily with a link on our website either live or via recording.

**Contacting Us:** The church office is now open Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm. 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.

### Assisting with tonight's Liturgy

**Officiant:** The Reverend Doctor John Thatamanil

**Reader:** Muriel Ryan

**Safety Officer:** Carol Denton

**Music:** Ensemble of Choral Scholars; Emily Markwart, Sutton Organ Scholar;

**Videographers:** Karen Coverett, Vanessa Whyte

### 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.*

*Listed music is subject to substitution in the event of changes of personnel or situation.*

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Organ prelude

*Please stand at the entrance of the clergy. The officiant gives a short welcome.*

## The Responses

*Music: Joanna Forbes l'Estrange*

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord. (The Lord's name be praised.)

*Please be seated for the singing of the psalm.*

## Psalm

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- 1 O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready \*  
I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
- 2 Awake, thou lute, and harp \*  
I myself will awake right early.
- 3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people \*  
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- 4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens \*  
and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
- 5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens \*  
and thy glory above all the earth.
- 6 That thy beloved may be delivered \*  
let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
- 7 God hath spoken in his holiness \*  
I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine \*  
Ephraim also is the strength of my head.
- 9 Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot \*  
over Edom will I cast out my shoe; upon Philistia will I triumph.
- 10 Who will lead me into the strong city \*  
and who will bring me into Edom?
- 11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God \*  
and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
- 12 O help us against the enemy \*  
for vain is the help of man.
- 13 Through God we shall do great acts \*  
and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

*Please stand for the Gloria Patri:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son \* and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be \* world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **First Lesson**

*Isaiah 11:10-end of 12*

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

On that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

He will raise a signal for the nations,  
and will assemble the outcasts of Israel,  
and gather the dispersed of Judah  
from the four corners of the earth.

The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart,  
the hostility of Judah shall be cut off;

Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah,  
and Judah shall not be hostile towards Ephraim.

But they shall swoop down on the backs of the Philistines in the west;  
together they shall plunder the people of the east.

They shall put forth their hand against Edom and Moab,  
and the Ammonites shall obey them.

And the Lord will utterly destroy  
the tongue of the sea of Egypt;  
and will wave his hand over the River  
with his scorching wind;  
and will split it into seven channels,  
and make a way to cross on foot;  
so there shall be a highway from Assyria  
for the remnant that is left of his people,  
as there was for Israel  
when they came up from the land of Egypt.

You will say on that day:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:  
Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Please stand.*

## Magnificat

*Text: Lk. 1:46-55 Music: Thomas Weelks (1576-1623)*

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Second Lesson

Mark 7:24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

*Please stand.*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Text: Luke 2:29-32. Music: Thomas Weelks (1576-1623)*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

**All:** I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## Responses, Lord's Prayer, and Collects

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

*Please remain standing, kneel, or be seated as is your preference for prayer.*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Cantor:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*1<sup>st</sup> Collect, of the day:*

*T.E.C.*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may be thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collect, for Peace:*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Anthem**

*Text: Psalm 145.15. Music: June Nixon (b. 1942)*

*The choir sings an anthem.*

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno. Gloria tibi Domine, Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, [O Lord]; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to you, O Lord. Amen.*

*Please remain seated, kneel, or stand as is your preference for prayer.*

## **Intercessions**

*Please stand to sing the hymn:*

**Hymn** (CP 568)

*Text: Teresa of Avila (1515-1582); Eng. tr. Taizé Community (France)*

*Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).*

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Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.

*Repeat as needed.*

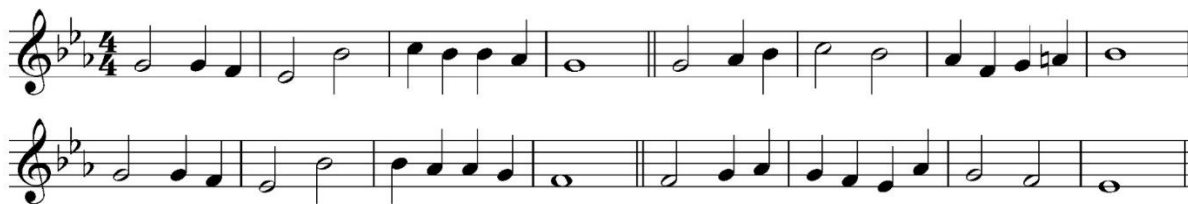
*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

Please stand to sing the hymn:

## Hymn (CP 24)

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)  
Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889).



**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

## The Blessing or Grace

## Organ Voluntary

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