

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost* *September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 5:00pm (BCP Evensong)** – no booking is required. As we seek to care for one another, masks are encouraged, but at the discretion of the individual. We encourage in-person attendance for all who are vaccinated, and if not-vaccinated, unable to attend in person, or feeling vulnerable 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/>

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

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

**Presider:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Greeters:** Joan Huzar, Ann McLaren

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Sacristan:** Judith Branion

**Readers:** Joel Durkovic (via Zoom), Doug Henderson

**Gospel:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Intercessor:** Lorraine Gates

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil (via Zoom)

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Patrick Samuel,

Graeme Brown, Gerry Melville

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Streaming Technicians:** Karen Coverett

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

The MacRae Choral Scholars,

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

**Setting:** Hans Leo Haßler, Missa Secunda

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Prelude

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome

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.**

Processional Hymn (CP 384)

LOBE DEN HERREN



- 1. Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
beloved family draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.**

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2. **Praise the the Lord,**  
    **who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,**  
    **shelters thee under his wings,**  
    **yea, so gently sustaineth:**  
    **has thou not seen**  
    **how thy entreaties have been**  
    **granted in what he ordaineth?**
3. **Praise to the Lord,**  
    **who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;**  
    **surely his goodness and mercy**  
    **here daily attend thee:**  
    **ponder anew**  
    **what the Almighty can do,**  
    **if with his love he befriend thee.**
4. **Praise to the Lord,**  
    **who, when tempests their warfare are waging,**  
    **who, when the elements**  
    **madly around thee are raging,**  
    **biddeth them cease,**  
    **turneth their fury to peace,**  
    **whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**
5. **Praise to the Lord,**  
    **who when darkness of sin is abounding,**  
    **who when the godless do triumph,**  
    **all virtue confounding,**  
    **sheddeth his light,**  
    **chaseth the horrors of night,**  
    **saints with his mercy surrounding.**
6. **Praise to the Lord!**  
    **O let all that is in me adore him!**  
    **All that half life and breath**  
    **come now with praises before him!**  
    **Let the Amen**  
    **sound from his people again:**  
    **gladly for aye we adore him.**

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Erneverten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo. *Glory to God in the highest,*  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. *and peace to his people on earth.*

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. *Lord God, heavenly King,*

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. *almighty God and Father,*

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. *we worship you, we give you thanks,*  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. *we praise you for your glory.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,*  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. *Lord God, Lamb of God,*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, *you who takes away the sin of the world:*  
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us;*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, *you who takes away the sin of the world:*  
suscipe deprecationem nostram. *receive our prayer;*

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, *you who are seated at the right hand of the*  
miserere nobis. *Father: have mercy on us.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. *For you alone are the Holy One,*

Tu solus Dominus. *you alone are the Lord,*

Tu solus Altissimus, *you alone are the Most High,*

Iesu Christe. *Jesus Christ,*

Cum Sancto Spiritu, *with the Holy Spirit,*

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. *in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

*The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and ourselves in your image.  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.  
Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:  
'Is the Lord not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?'  
(‘Why have they provoked me to anger with  
their images,  
with their foreign idols?’)  
'The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.'  
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.  
Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?  
O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

How long will you be angry, O God? Will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

For they have devoured Jacob and made their dwelling a ruin.

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.

Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your Name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaption 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. Jouce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens

## The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

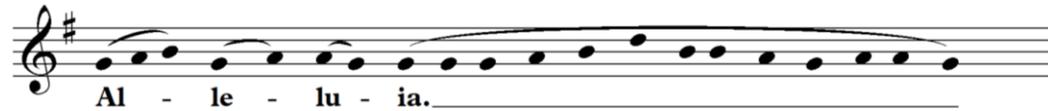


1. **A spendthrift lover is the Lord  
 who never counts the cost  
 or asks if heaven can afford  
 to woo a world that's lost.  
 Our lover tosses coins of gold  
 across the midnight skies  
 and stokes the sun against the cold  
 to warm us when we rise.**
2. **Still more is spent in blood and tears  
 to win the human heart,  
 to overcome the violent fears  
 that drive the world apart.  
 Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face  
 of one who bears our scars  
 and empties out the wealth of grace  
 that's hinted by the stars.**
3. **How shall we love this heart-strong God  
 who gives us everything,  
 whose ways to us are strange and odd;  
 what can we give or bring?  
 Acceptance of the matchless gift  
 is gift enough to give.  
 The very act will shake and shift  
 the way we love and live.**

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*Before the Gospel*

*Cantor:* Show us your mercy O Lord, and grant us your salvation.



God is with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

Hear the good news of Jesus according to Luke.

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

*After the Gospel*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

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

Affirmation of Faith (CP 44)

BEACH SPRING

1. **I believe in God almighty,  
Author of all things that be,  
maker of the earth and heavens,  
keeper of the sky and sea.  
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,  
now for us both Lord and Christ,  
of the Spirit and of Mary  
born to bring abundant life.**
2. **I believe that Jesus suffered,  
scourged and scorned and crucified;  
taken from the cross, was buried—  
true life there had truly died.  
I believe that on the third day  
Christ was raised up from the grave,  
then ascended to God's right hand.  
He will come to judge and save.**
3. **I believe in God's own Spirit,  
bonding all the saints within  
one church, catholic, and holy,  
where forgiveness frees from sin;  
in the body's resurrection,  
for the breaking of death's chain  
gives the life that's everlasting:  
this the faith that I have claimed.**

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## 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 Anthem

Text: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844 - 1930)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

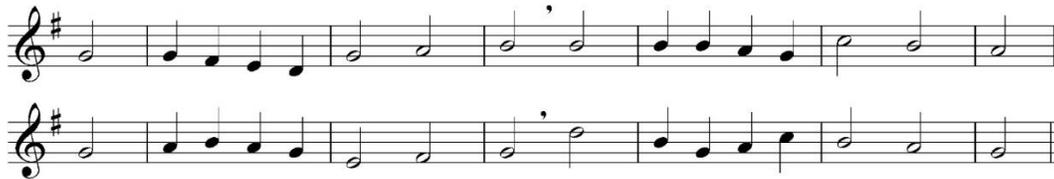
My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddës grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
Tis named when Goddës name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That turns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

## Presentation Hymn (CP 667)

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1710), adapt.

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## The Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
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**

Eucharistic Prayer 4,  
Book of Alternative Services

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home;  
by your will they were created and have their being.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

From the primal elements  
you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;  
you made us the stewards of creation.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

But we turn against you,  
and betray your trust; and we turn against one another.  
Again and again you call us to return.  
Through the prophets and sages  
you reveal your righteous law.  
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,  
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.  
He was wounded for our transgressions,  
and bruise for our iniquities.  
By his death he opened to us  
the way of freedom and peace.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore we praise you,  
joining with the heavenly chorus,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with those in every generation  
who have looked to you in hope,  
to proclaim with them your glory,  
in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus and Benedictus** (*Sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
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 is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

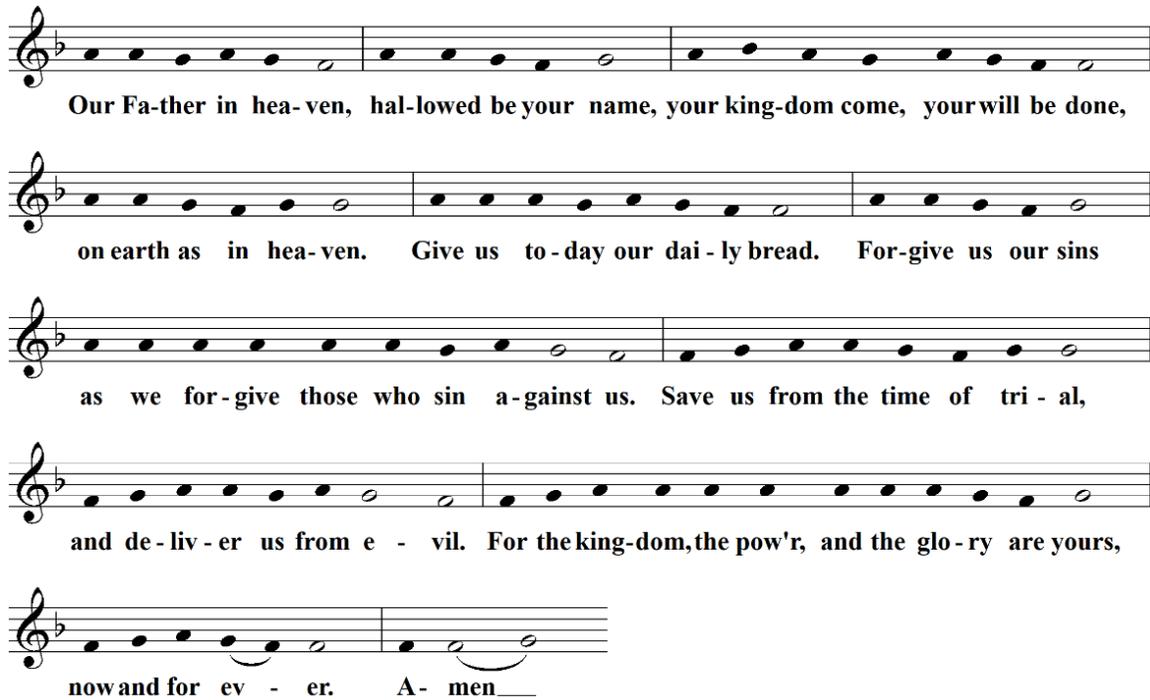
Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread, said the blessing,  
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take this, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."



## The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

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

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.**

*All are welcome to receive communion, if you are sitting on the left hand side of the church (the North side) please go to the back of the Church. If you are seated on the right hand side OR require gluten free wafers please come to the front of the Church. You are welcome to receive bread and wine or just bread, both are full communion, as you are comfortable.*

## 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.*

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

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## 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 abundance,  
with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## Blessing

## Dismissal

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn (NEH 339)

SLANE



1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**
2. **Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true child,  
Though once far away now by love reconciled.**
3. **Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**
4. **Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
5. **High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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Music: Traditional Irish Melody.

Please join us on Zoom for coffee hour.

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## Readings for September 25<sup>th</sup> – The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15** The prophet purchases land as an act of faith in God's future.

**Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16** Knowledge of God's sheltering love helps us in adverse times.

**1 Timothy 6:6-19** Money is valuable, but not the ultimate value.

**Luke 16:19-31** Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man, stressing the great distance between them in life, death, and after.

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## Flowers

In loving memory of our parents, Bob and Vi McLaren and Ruth and Stewart Bothwell,  
from John and Ann.



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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

Nancy

Kat

Chris

Dr. John and family

Ken & family

Daryl

Eric

Joe & family

Pat

Steven, Melody, Sharon

Deb & Kate

Doug and family

Charlotte

Brian

Paul

Jarka

Rudolf & Marguerite

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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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