

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Season of Creation*

*Observation of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

*September 25<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.



Artist: Andy Everson, K'ómoks First Nation in B.C.

**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. 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.

## **Truth and Reconciliation Committee Calls to Action for the Church**

59. We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.
60. We call upon leaders of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement and all other faiths, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres, to develop and teach curriculum for all student clergy, and all clergy and staff who work in Aboriginal communities, on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right, the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Aboriginal families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence.
61. We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with Survivors and representatives of Aboriginal organizations, to establish permanent funding to Aboriginal people for:
  - Community-controlled healing and reconciliation projects.
  - Community-controlled culture- and language revitalization projects.
  - Community-controlled education and relationship building projects.
  - Regional dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth to discuss Indigenous spirituality, self-determination, and reconciliation. Education for reconciliation
73. We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children.
74. We call upon the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and markers, and reburial in home communities where requested.

# 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:** Karyn Lehmann, Richard Routledge

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Sacristan:** Iris Elsdon

**Readers:** Al Lehmann, Susan Bansgrove, Iris Elsdon

**Gospel:** Lorraine Gates

**Intercessor:** Erin Kelly

**Sermon:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Jessie Bosma, Al Lehmann  
Patrick Samuel

**Verger:** Douwe Bosma

**Streaming Technician:** Vanessa Whyte

**Music:** Sandra Fletcher, Organist

## 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.

## Reading of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee Calls to Action for the Church

### Processional Hymn

O WALY WALY – 8888

1. This path we walk, through joy and tears,  
a living Way of faith and fears,  
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,  
when walked in love, we'll rise again.

- 2. When life is shared, together, free  
we'll grow to be all we can be:  
a circle wide will call us home,  
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.**
- 3. These gifts we bring, this light we hold,  
our songs of grace, our stories told,  
remain un-done, told just in part,  
till shared in love, and known by heart.**
- 4. When life is shared, together bound,  
God's richest gifts, together found;  
together walk the Spirit's Way  
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.**
- 5. This life we share, a blessing deep;  
a promised gift, now ours to keep.  
God grant our words were spoken true,  
now clothed in life, each day anew.**

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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.**

## The Collect of the Day

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

God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets,  
your covenant binds us as sisters and brothers:  
help us to overcome the scandal of poverty  
and the chasm of indifference,  
so that we may recognize you in the wounded poor;  
through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges.

**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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, ‘Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**They shall say to God, “You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence.

**God shall cover you with their pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under their wings;  
their faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

Because one is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver them;  
I will protect them, because they know my name.

**They shall call upon me, and I will answer them;  
I am with them in trouble; I will rescue them and bring them to honour.**

With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

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 6:6-19

Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honour, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved.

Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into

the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made<sup>[el]</sup> the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge; by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith.

Grace be with you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn (CP 171)

SHARPTORNE



- 1. What does the Lord require  
for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute  
bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.**
- 2. Rulers of earth, give ear!  
Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear,  
while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.**
- 3. All who gain wealth by trade,  
for whom the worker toils,  
think not to win God's aid,  
if greed your commerce soils.  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.**
- 4. How shall our life fulfill  
God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will  
with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy,  
we'll humbly walk with God.**

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The Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

- God is with you.  
**All:** And also with you.
- Hear the good news of Jesus according to Luke.  
**All:** Glory to you, O Christ.

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

## After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

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

## 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.*

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn (CP 497)

SONG 1



- 1. Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
of circling planets singing on their way,  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
into the glory of the perfect day:  
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**
- 2. We are of thee, the children of thy love,  
companions of thy well-belovèd Son;  
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,  
into our hearts that we may be as one:  
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;  
as one with him, our pattern and our friend.**
- 3. We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
one with the joy that rises into song,  
one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,  
one in the power that makes thy children free  
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**
- 4. O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;  
our inspiration be thy constant word;  
we ask no victories that are not thine:  
give us the shield of faith that we may be  
steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.**

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Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

## 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

Liturgy of the Islands, Prayer A

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.

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe.

In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation.

At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be.

In you, all created things shared life with one another.

In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets.

The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty.

When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered.  
Still, you continued to bring light from night,  
freedom from slavery, and life from death.

Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith  
and with your beloved creation we sing:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and might, Heav'n\_\_ and  
earth\_\_ are full\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes\_ in the name\_ of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus.  
Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands.  
He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people.  
He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain.  
In vulnerability, he showed power over sin triumphed over death.  
On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions.  
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,  
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me.”  
After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to his companions saying,  
“Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

**All: Come Source of life.**

**Come, transforming Word.**

**Come, Creator Spirit.**

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time,  
we offer to you this bread and cup.

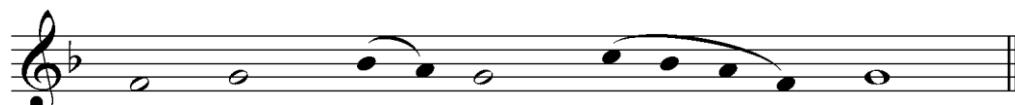
Send your Breath of Life,  
like wind, blowing where it will,  
north, east, south and west.

May your Spirit brood over these gifts  
and all who feast at this table  
offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

May all who share your abundant gifts  
be incorporated as one body and one holy people,  
joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection  
for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church  
and the mystery of our communion  
with our holy forebears and those yet to be born,  
that we may be guided in faith  
and walk gently on the earth.

Glory and honour to you Triune God,  
dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity,  
now, and in all ages.



**All:**

**A men      A - men      A -      men.**

## 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-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.

*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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*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 (CP 577)

CWM RHONDDA



1. **God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil your church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.**
2. **Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.**
3. **Cure your children's warring madness.  
Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**
4. **Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces  
in the fight for liberty.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee.**

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Please join us on Zoom for coffee hour.

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## Readings for October 2<sup>nd</sup> – The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Lamentations 1:1-6** Images of the desolation of Jerusalem after its destruction can express our own pain from community disasters.

### **Psalm 137**

**2 Timothy 1:1-14** Greeting, thanksgiving for faithfulness and exhortation to courage and endurance are addressed to Timothy, a third generation Christian.

**Luke 17:5-10** Jesus reminds his disciples both of faith's capacity against tremendous odds and of our own inadequacy before God.

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## Flowers

Remembering Anne Hay, from the Rankin Hay family, Diana, Angela, Andrew, Timothy, Alex, and Meredith.



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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	Doug and family
Nancy	Eric	Charlotte
Kat	Joe & family	Brian
Chris	Pat	Paul
Dr. John and family	Steven, Melody, Sharon	Jarka
Ken & family	Deb & Kate	Rudolf & Marguerite
Richard	Caspar	

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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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