

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 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.

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: David Buckman, Ann McLaren

Crucifer: Susanna Peterson

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

Readers: Lorraine Gates, John McLaren

Gospel: Joan Huzar

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson (via Zoom)

Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Judith Reid,

Virginia Miller, Barbara Jenks

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Char Hodgkins, Conductor

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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.



1. **For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
2. **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
3. **O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
4. **O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
5. **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
6. **The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
7. **But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day—
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
8. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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



Cantor: *Glo - ry be to God on high*

Choir: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



All: **We praise you**

Choir: We bless you.



All: **We wor - ship you.**

Choir: We glorify you.



All: **We give thanks to you for your great glo - ry.**

Choir: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



All: **O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ.**

Choir: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.



All: **You take away the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.**

Choir: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

All:  You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,

 have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: For you only are holy.



All: You on - ly are the Lord.

Choir: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



All: A - - - men.

Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
 whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
 the mystical Body of your Son,
 grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
 in lives of faith and commitment,
 and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared
 for those who love you;
 through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ‘As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

149

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

*Sing to God a new song;
sing God's praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their Ruler.*

Text: G. O. Pitoni (1657-1743)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gradual Hymn (CP 286)

SAN ROCCO



1. Give me the wings of faith, to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.
2. Once they were mourning here below,
and wet their couch with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fear.

3. I ask them whence their victory came,
they with united breath
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.
4. They marked the footsteps that he trod;
his zeal inspired their breast;
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.
5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise,
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: James Turlle (1802-1882).

The Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

Before the Gospel



Cantor: They are before the throne of God, and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.



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 he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.’

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.**

Text: *The Apostles’ Creed*; para. Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Para. © 1991 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.
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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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 278)

EWING



1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.
2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel
and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.
3. There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white.
4. O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect;
O dear and future vision,
that eager hearts expect:
even now by faith we see thee,
even here thy walls discern;
to thee our thoughts are kindled;
for thee our spirits yearn.

Text: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: Alexander Ewing (1830-1895).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy and mighty God,
we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ
in the lives of all his saints.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and help us, like them, to run our course with faith,
that we may come to your eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

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 3,
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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
in the multitude of your saints
you have surrounded us
with so great a cloud of witnesses,
that we, rejoicing in their fellowship,
may run with patience the race that is set before us,
and together with them receive the crown of glory
that never fades away.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (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.*

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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All:

We re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur - rec - tion,
we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light

where you dwell with all your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



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-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

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.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

Music during Communion

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
Amen.

Text: Matthew 5:3-12 Music: Arvo Pärt (b.1935)

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

Lord of hosts,
we praise your glory reflected in your saints.
May we who share at this table
be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 320)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- 2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
alleluia, alleluia...**
- 3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
forebears in faith and prophets blest:
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
alleluia, alleluia...**
- 4. O friends, in gladness let us sing
supernal anthems echoing:
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
alleluia, alleluia...**

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Please join us on Zoom for coffee hour or in the hall for a soup lunch.

Readings for November 6th – The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b—2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

Luke 20:27-38

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Charlotte
Caspar
Paul
Tony
Bruno

Rudolf & Marguerite
Joe and family
Pat
Chris
Nancy

Richard
John
Nancy
Meghan
Anne

Choral Evensong for All Souls

October 30 at
5:00 pm



This service will provide a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of the faithful departed, particularly those who have died in the last 12 months.

If you have names you would like read out at this service, please email the church office (admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

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