

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 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 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: Joan Huzar, Richard Routledge

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Terry Needham

Readers: Susan Bangrove, Judith Branion

Gospel: Carol Anne Harper

Intercessor: Erin Kelly

Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Graeme Brown,

Barbara Jenks, Gerry Melville

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Community Choir

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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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.**



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| <p>1. Let all creation bless the Lord,
till heaven with praise is ringing.
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord,
stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
Make music, day, night, cold, and heat:
exalt the God who made you.</p> | <p>2. All living things upon this earth,
green fertile hills and mountains,
sing to the God who gave you birth;
be joyful, springs and fountains.
Lithe water-life, bright airborne birds,
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:
exalt the God who made you.</p> |
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- 3. Beloved people everywhere,
lift up a hymn of glory;
all you who know God's steadfast care,
tell out salvation's story.
No tongue be silent; sing your part,
you humble souls and meek of heart;
exalt the God who made you.**

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Music: Melody Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; arr. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.
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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.**

Gloria

John Merbecke (1510-1585), adapted

Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glo - ri - fy you,

we give thanks to you for your great glo - ry, O Lord god, heav-en - ly King,

God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,

re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,

have mer-cy up - on us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on-ly are the Lord;

you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

are most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Living God,
burning wild and unconfined:
free us from the fear of death
and take away the limits
which bind our imagination
and choke our compassion,
so that we may feel your pleasure
in all that brings us life;
through Jesus Christ, risen and ascended.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Haggai 1:16—2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

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All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of our God.



I sing to God a new song, for God has done marvellous things. With their right hand and holy arm have they won the victory. **Refrain**

God has made known their victory; their righteousness they have openly shown in the sight of the nations. God remembers their mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Refrain

Shout with joy to God, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to God with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **Refrain**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the Ruler, God. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. **Refrain**

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before God, when God comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall God judge the world and the peoples with equity. **Refrain**

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



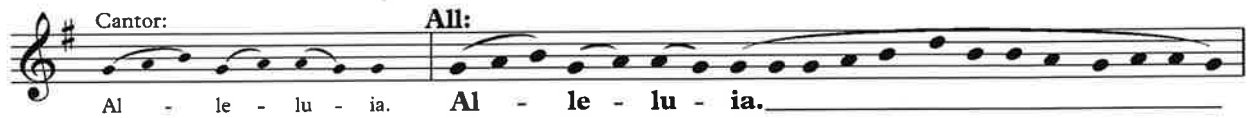
1. **Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.**
2. **For God, the living God,
Stooped down to our estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.**
3. **Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

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The Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.



God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hear the good news of Jesus according to Luke.

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.



**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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (SPr 289)

HIGHWOOD



1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world be
signs of your gracious presence in 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.

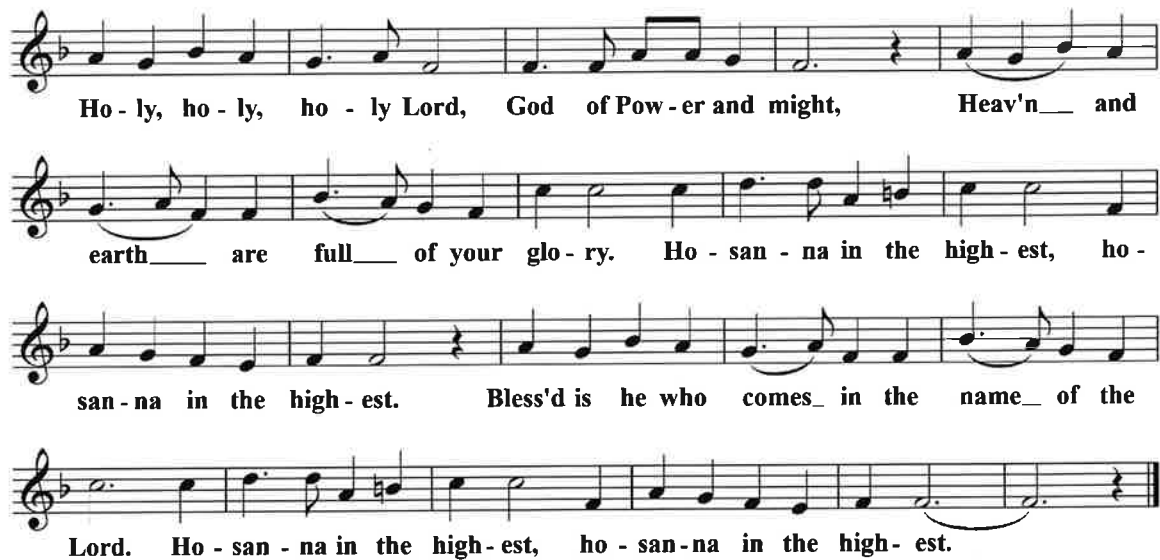
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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 bruised 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



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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."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
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."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

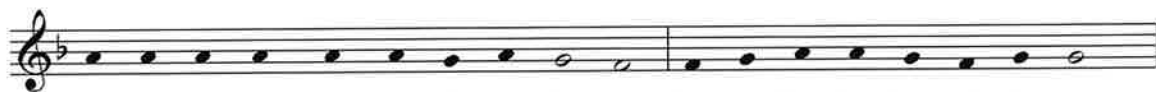
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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



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Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

Motet

*Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis*

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men
The heavenly bread ends all symbols
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish
The poor, poor, and humble servant
The poor, poor, and humble servant

Text: S. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274).
Music: Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760).

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

Living God,
in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
and bring us to the joy you promise.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 drive the dark of doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
 stars and angels sing around thee,
 centre of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain
 call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father and our Mother,
 all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

Text: Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), alt.
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867).

Please join us on Zoom and in the church for refreshments.

Readings for November 13th – Remembrance Sunday

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 116:1-8

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 11:21-27

Flowers

In loving memory of our dear friend, Alice Denson, from Marilyn Moody and family.



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 & Meghan

Nancy

Pip & Derrick

Richard

Megan

Nancy

Ethan

Anne

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