

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

January 15, 2023

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.



John and disciples acknowledge Jesus as the Lamb of God, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56616> [retrieved January 13, 2023]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/paullew/16120011720> - Fr Lawrence Lew, O.P.

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.

St. John's is open for in-person worship at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:00pm (BCP Evensong) as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). As we seek to care for one another, masks are encouraged, but at the discretion of the individual. If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: Please email us at admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team 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.

If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door and will be presented as the Communion is prepared, there are also envelopes in the book stand which can make your gifts tax efficient. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

Thank you for your support.



10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: David Buckman, Merle Wall

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Terry Needham

Readers: Judith Branion, Joel Durkovic

Gospel: Carol Anne Harper

Intercessor: Susan Bansgrove

Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Judith Reid,
Lorraine Gates

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
The MacRae Choral Scholars
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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Prelude

Introit

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Tu es Petrus
et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam

*You are Peter,
And upon this Rock I will build My Church*

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. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.</p> | <p>3. Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be Lord, forever thine!</p> |
| <p>2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb!” our lips reply,
“for he was slain for us.”</p> | <p>4. Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb!</p> |

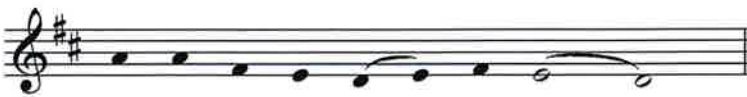
Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: Henry Lahee (1826-1912).

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

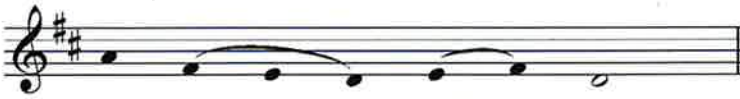
Cantor: 
Glo - ry be to God on high

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.



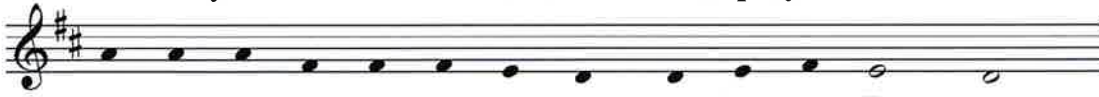
All: O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ.

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



All: You take a way 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.

Redeemer of Israel,
you called us from before our birth
to follow in your ways:
meet us in our searching
and turn our eyes and hearts
to the one who gives his life for the world;
through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

40:1-12

I waited patiently upon God;
God stooped to me and heard my cry.
God lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
and set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in God.
Happy are they who trust in God!
thy do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
Great things are they that you have done, O God my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!
There is none who can be compared with you.
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than I can count.
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
(you have given me ears to hear you);
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come."
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
 behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O God, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
 from the great congregation.

You are God; do not withhold your compassion from me;
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation 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 Corinthians 1:1-9

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

241 When Jesus Came to Jordan

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the sin - less one.
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond - age break.

He came to share re - pent - ance with all who mourn their sins,
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000); para. Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22
 MUSIC: *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, 1693

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Before the Gospel



Cantor: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations; and believed in throughout the world.



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the good news of Jesus according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

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 Anthem

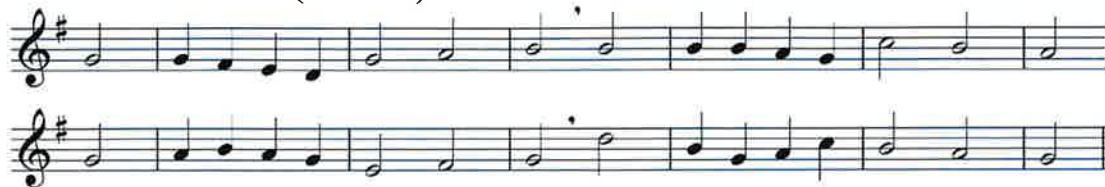
Composer: William Blake (1757-1827)

Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice:
Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name:
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.

Hymn at the Presentation (CP 666)

OLD 100TH



**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1710).
Music: Melody Geneva, 1551.

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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2



Eternal God, Source of all being,
 we give you thanks and praise
 for your faithful love.
 You call us into friendship
 with you and one another
 to be your holy people,
 a sign of your presence in the world.
 When those we trust betray us,
 unfailingly you remain with us.
 When we injure others,
 you confront us in your love
 and call us to the paths of righteousness.
 You stand with the weak,
 and those, broken and alone,
 whom you have always welcomed home,
 making the first last, and the last first.
 Therefore we raise our voices
 with angels and archangels,
 forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus (CP 735)

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

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Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
 when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
 you followed her and gave her hope.
 When Joseph was sold into bondage,
 you turned malice to your people's good.
 When you called Israel out of slavery,
 you brought them through the wilderness
 into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.

Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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 many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God is here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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.

Music during Communion

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae.

*Hail the true body, born
of the Maiden Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.*

Text: 13th century.

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.

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Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God!

All: Thanks be to God.



1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad God's wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
Whose kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still God is nigh, their presence we have:
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore, and give God their right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: Paderborn Gesangbuch, 1765.

Please join us on Zoom or at the back of the church for refreshments.

Readings for January 22nd – The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 In a time of political insecurity Isaiah declares the light of God's promised redemption already shining.

Psalms 27:1, 5-13 While facing hostility and fear, the psalmist expresses confidence and trust in God.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Paul exhorts the Corinthians to realize the unity that has eluded them.

Matthew 4:12-23 The presence of God in Jesus is imaged as light, a light that attracts disciples as it spreads good news.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Charlotte	John & Jean	Joe and family
Pat	Nancy	Ethan
Jeffrey	Jenna	Doug
Lorraine & family	Kat	John
Heather	Ted	Louise
Jeremy	Megan	

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