

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

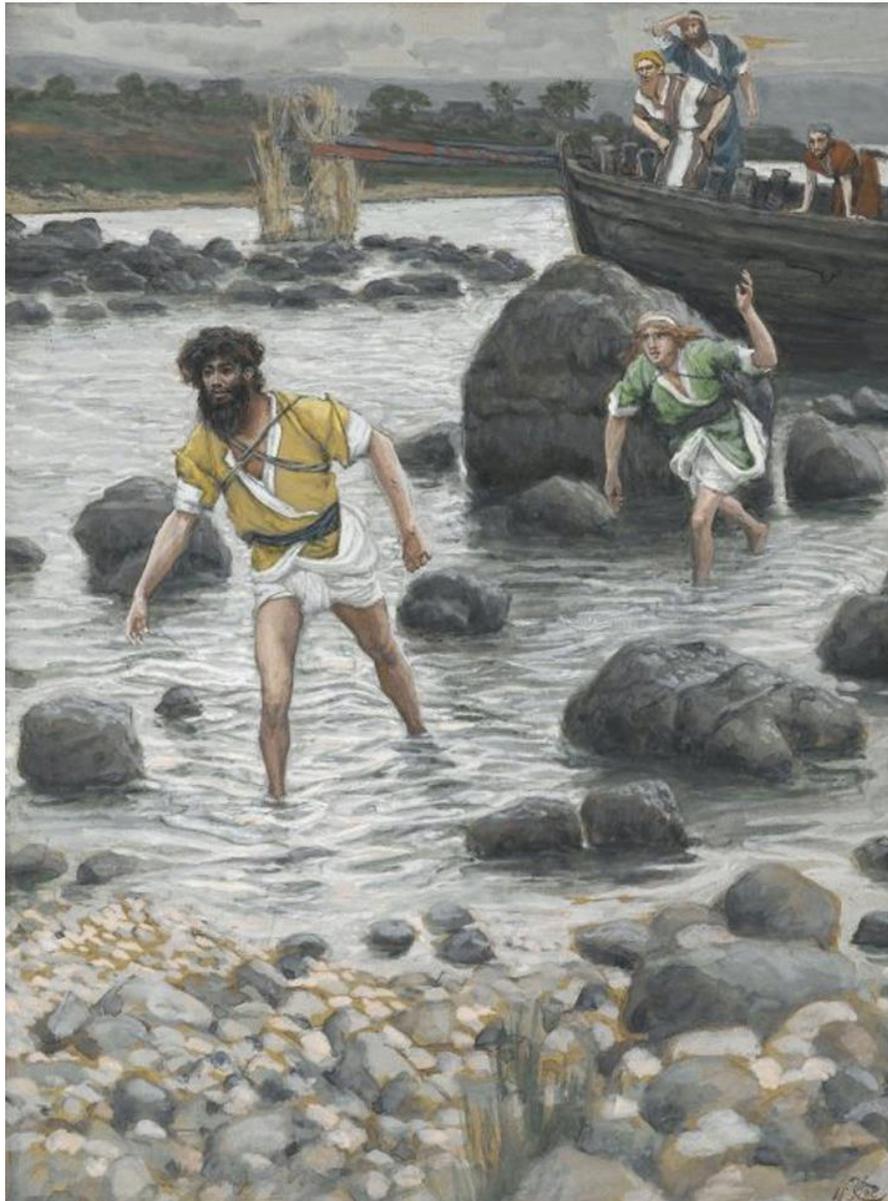
The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

January 22, 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.



Tissot, James, 1836-1902. Calling of Saint James and Saint John, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56290> [retrieved January 19, 2023]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_The_Calling_of_Saint_James_and_Saint_John_\(Vocation_de_Saint_Jacques_et_de_Saint_Jean\)_-_James_Tissot_-_overall.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_The_Calling_of_Saint_James_and_Saint_John_(Vocation_de_Saint_Jacques_et_de_Saint_Jean)_-_James_Tissot_-_overall.jpg).

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 Reverend Dr. John Thatmanil

Greeters: Louise Langman, Bill Huzar

Crucifer: Chuck Neilson

Sacristan: Judith Branion

Readers: Al Lehmann, Erin Kelly

Gospel: Carol Anne Harper

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,
Virginia Miller

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: Upper Voice Ensemble

The MacRae Choral Scholars

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.**

Introit

Nos sumus in mundo,
et tu in mente nostra,
et amplectimur te in corde,
quasi habeamus te praesentem.

We live within the world,
and you within our minds,
and we embrace you in our hearts
as if you're present even now.

Text: Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Music: Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1975)



1. **We, the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,
praise One who called us out of sin and darkness
into God's own light, that God might anoint us
a royal priesthood.**
2. **This is the Lord's house, home of all God's people,
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;
all find a welcome.**
3. **This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,
day of creation, day of resurrection,
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,
day for rejoicing.**
4. **In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered,
that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them
to all the people God's own life imparting,
food everlasting.**

Text: John E. Bowers (1923-2019), alt. ©
Music: Melody Antiphoner, Paris, 1681.

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.

All: Almighty God,
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.

<p>Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.</p>	<p><i>Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you who takes away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you who takes away the sin of the world: receive our prayer; you who are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i></p>
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The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of all people,
you sent your Son into our shadowed world.
May his dawning light
give hope to the broken, the persecuted,
the alien and the excluded,
so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near
and turn to follow him;
through Jesus Christ, the morning star.

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 9:1-4

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of God; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of God and to see God in God's temple.

For in the day of trouble God shall keep me safe in their shelter; God shall hide me in the secrecy of their dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now God lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in God's dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to God.

Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, God, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

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 1:10-18

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and ever be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell (1949-).

Music: Melody Scottish trad.; arr. John L. Bell (1949-).

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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 Matthew.

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.

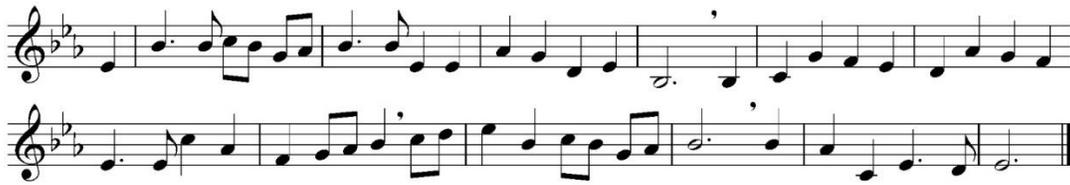
All: **And also with you.**

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 455)

REPTON



1. Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee!
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Text: John Greenleaf Whitier (1807-1892), alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

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

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

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

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

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.
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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.

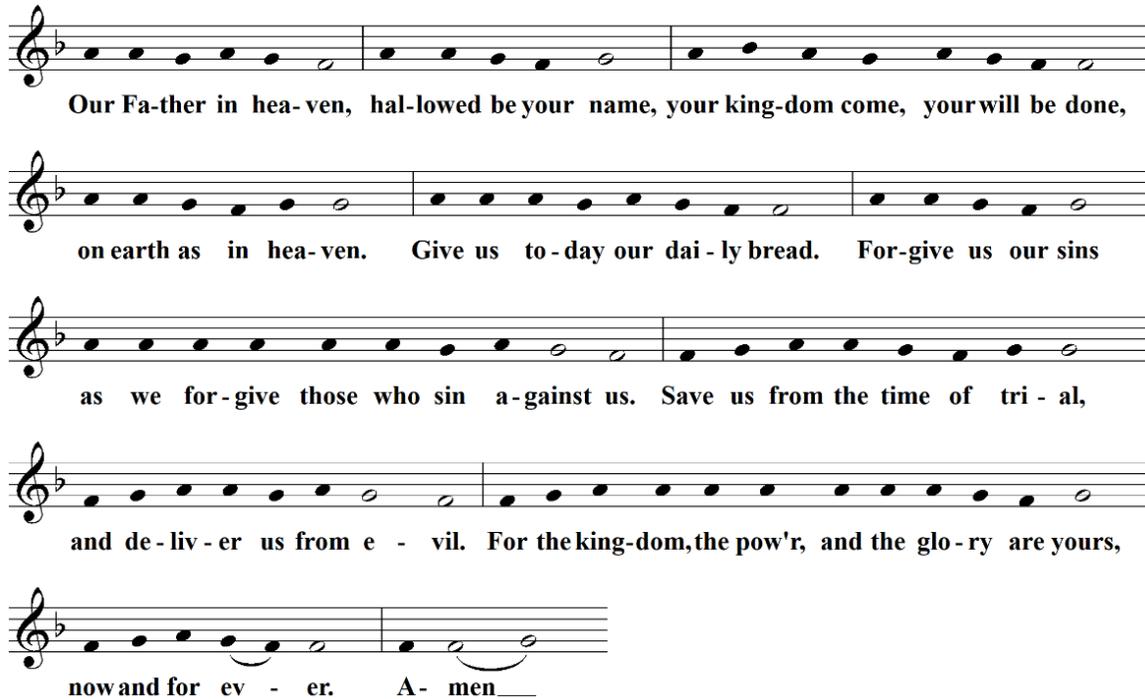


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The Lord's Prayer

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.

Agnus Dei (sung by choir)

Viadana Missa Prima Dominicalis

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

Music during Communion

In nomine Jesu omne genuflectatur:
coelestium, terrestrium et infernorum
et omnis lingua confiteatur quia Dominus
Jesus Christus in gloria est Dei Patris.
Alleluia.

In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those
that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth
and every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus
Christ is in the glory of God the Father.
Alleluia.

Text: Philippians 2:10-11
Music: Ferdinand di Lasso (1560-1609)

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.

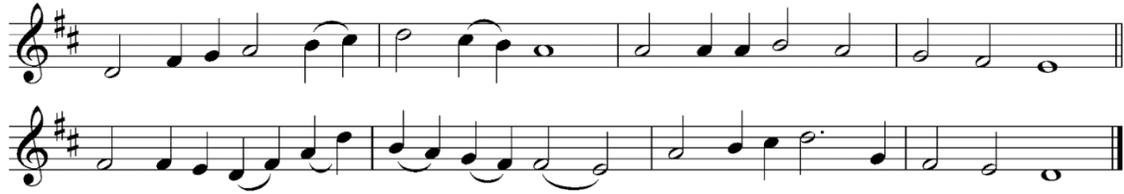
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Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.



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| <p>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.</p> | <p>3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.</p> <p>4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.</p> |
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Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: John Hatton (1710-1793).

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

Readings for January 29th – The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 The prophet challenges the belief of the people of Israel that their status as 'God's chosen people' meant that they were exempt from the demands of living with compassion and righteousness.

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:14-18 Seeking to comfort and challenge a suffering, persecuted church, the writer assures them that Jesus understands their suffering and has shared in such. They are reminded that Jesus entered fully into humanity in order that humanity might enter into the divine.

Luke 2:22-40 On bringing Jesus to the temple, as the law demanded, Mary and Joseph encounter two people who make Spirit filled declarations of Jesus' calling and mission. Their proclamations are both profound and difficult to hear, including the warning that Mary's love for Jesus will also bring pain.

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	Deb	Robert

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