The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

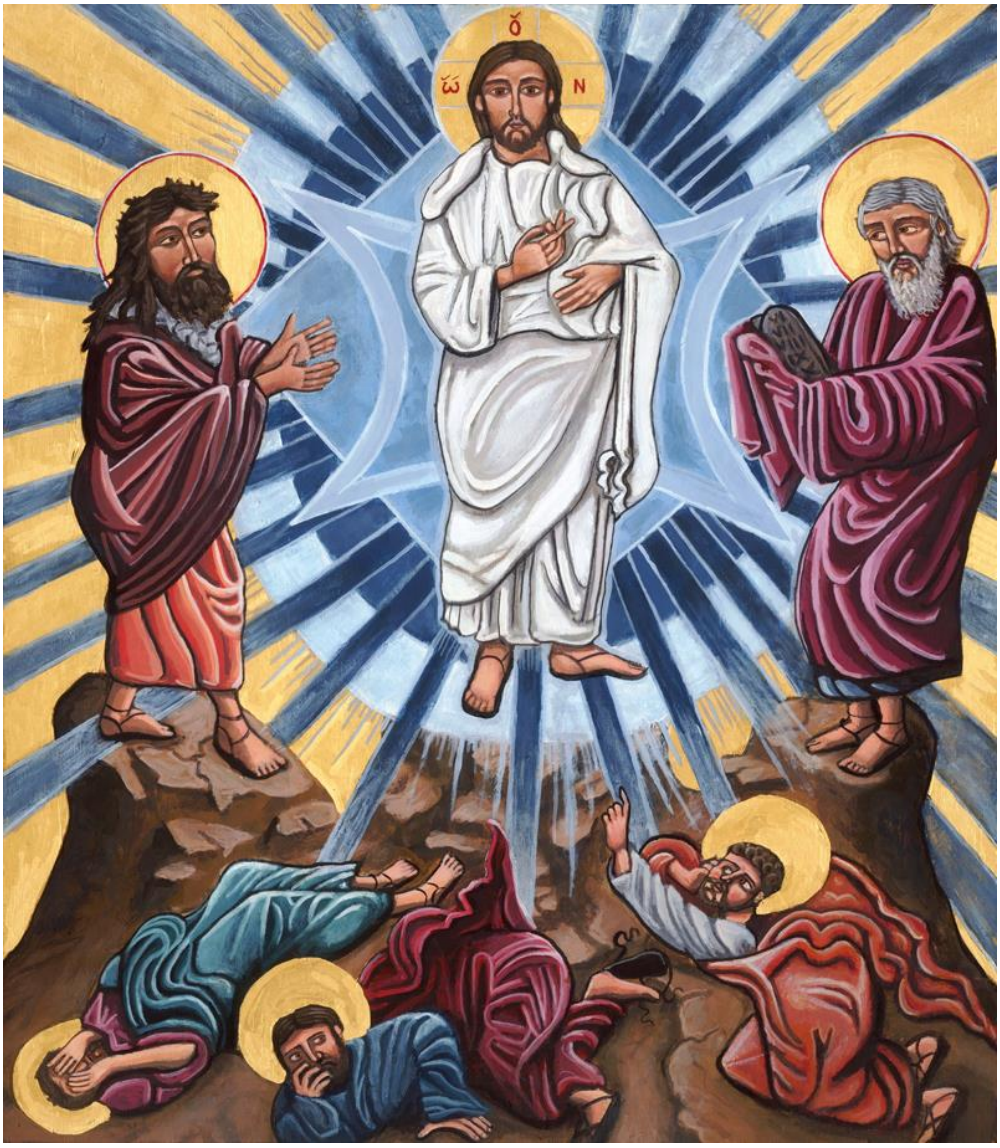
The Last Sunday after Epiphany ***February 19, 2023***

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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.

St. John's is open for in-person worship at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 4:30pm (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.
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8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

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
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Crucifer: Penny Holt
Sacristan: Iris Elsdon
Readers: Christine Scott, David Buckman
Gospel: The Reverend Stephanie Wood
Intercessor: Lorraine Gates
Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Miller, Jessie Bosma
Verger: Douwe Bosma
Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett
Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
Char Hodgkins, Assisting
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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Prelude

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (CP 347) LEONI

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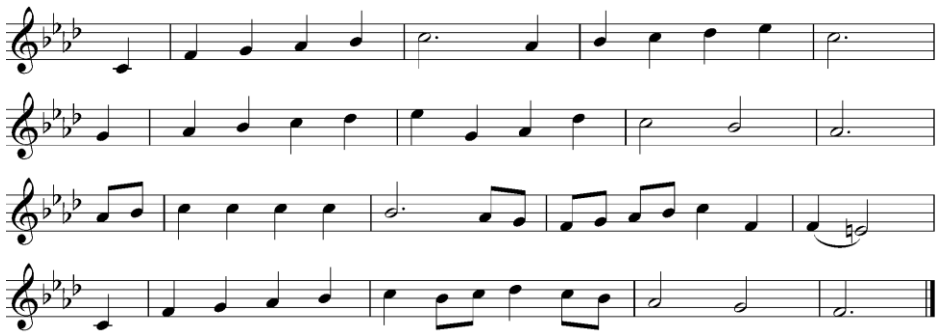

1. The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
for evermore.

3. The goodly land I see
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

4. Triumphant hosts on high
give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!"
Hail Abraham's God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours
and endless praise!

Text: The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah (1400?); vv. 1-3, para. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.;
v. 4, rev. Hymns for Today's Church..St. 4 © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reprinted under Onelicense.net #A-719605.
Music: Yigdal trad.; trsc. Meier Leon (1751-1797) and Thomas Olivers (1725-1799).

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.

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

Victoria: Missa Quarti Toni

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

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Friend of Moses,
strength of Elijah,
you go with your people
and give them your Spirit:
may the Child of your heart
transfigure the mortal world,
so that love may know no bounds;
through Jesus Christ, the beloved one.

All: **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

God is Ruler; let the people tremble; God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

God is great in Zion; God is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

"O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of God our God and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among God's priests, and Samuel among those who call upon God's Name, they called upon God, and God answered them.

God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept God's testimonies and the decree that were given them.

"O God our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of God our God and worship God upon their holy hill; for God our God is the Holy One.

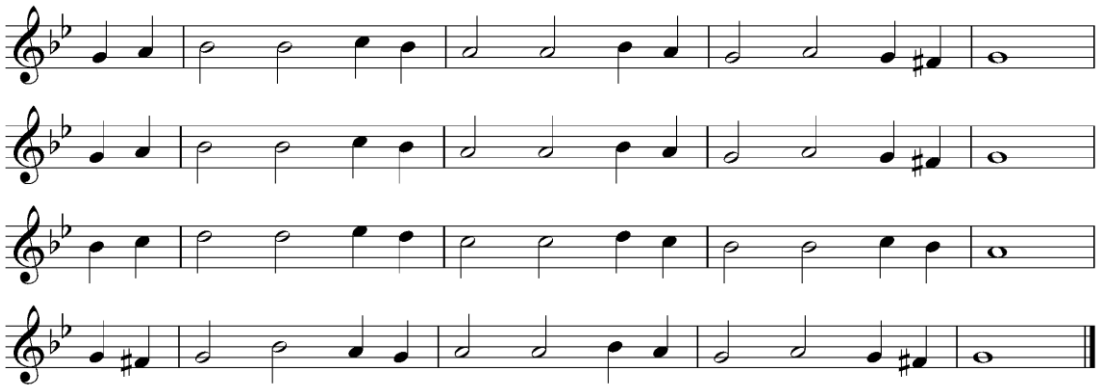
Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms,
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use)
Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman, the Rev. K.D. Jouce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens

The Epistle 2 Peter 1:16-21

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (CP 166) O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

1. **We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

2. **Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined word.**
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

3. **Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,**
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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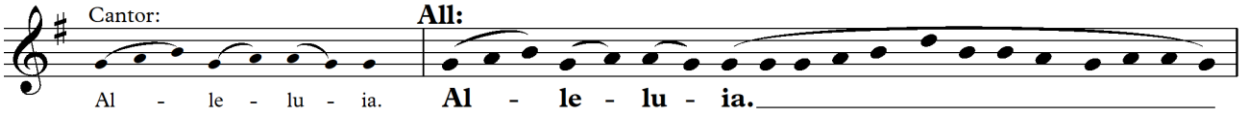
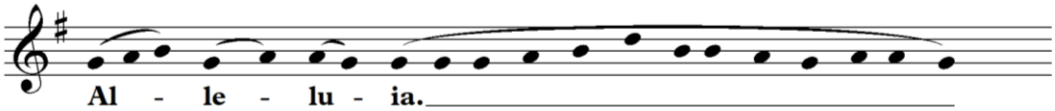
Music: *Geistliche Volkslieder,* 1858.

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Before the Gospel



Cantor: This is my Son the Blessed: with whom I am well pleased.

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.

Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

All: **I believe in God,**
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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

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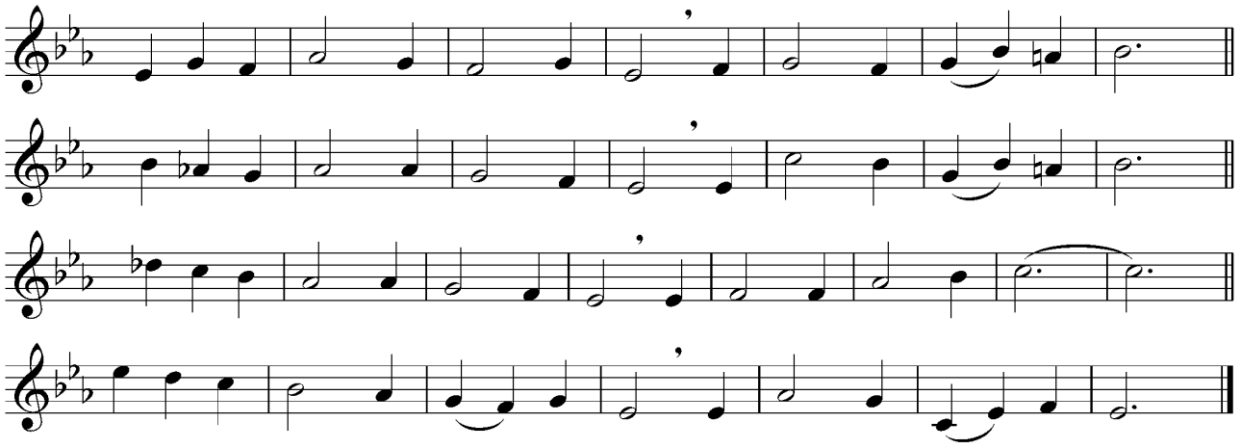


1. **How shall I sing that majesty, which angels do admire?**
   Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
   Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
   ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

2. **Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;**
   a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
   I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
   yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

3. **Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;**
   then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
   They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
   for where heaven is but once begun, there alleluias be.

4. **How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!**
   Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep:
   thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
   thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

Text: John Mason (1645-1694).
Music: Kenneth Naylor (1931-1991).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God,
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,
now and for ever.

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

A New Zealand Prayer Book
He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

The Lord is here.

All: **God's Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Honour and worship are indeed your due,
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,
for you created all things;
by your will they were created,
and for your glory they have their being.
In your loving purpose you chose us
before the foundation of the world
to be your people;
you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah
and bestowed your favour on Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Above all we give you thanks and praise
for your grace in sending Jesus Christ,
not for any merit of our own
but when we had turned away from you.

We were bound in sin,
but in your compassion you redeemed us,
reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us,
offering us the healing riches of salvation
and calling us to freedom and holiness.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and say:

Sanctus and Benedictus *(Sung by the choir)*

Victoria: Missa Quarti Toni

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	*Holy, holy, holy*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	*Lord God of power and might.*
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit	*Blessed is he who comes*
in nomine Domini.	*in the name of the Lord.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
once for all on the cross
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,
he took bread, and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

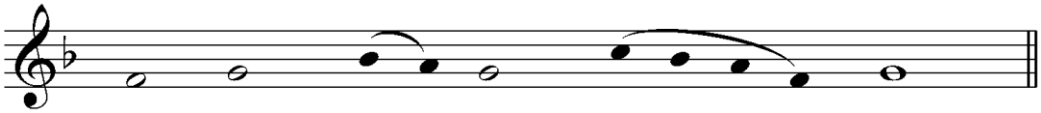
After supper he took the cup,
and when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it,
to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father,
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace
and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen,**
Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near

and our hands are empty until you fill them.
As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service,
unite us in Christ,
and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.
O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;
how unsearchable are your judgments
and untraceable your ways.

All: **From you, and through you, and for you are all things.**
To you be the glory for ever.

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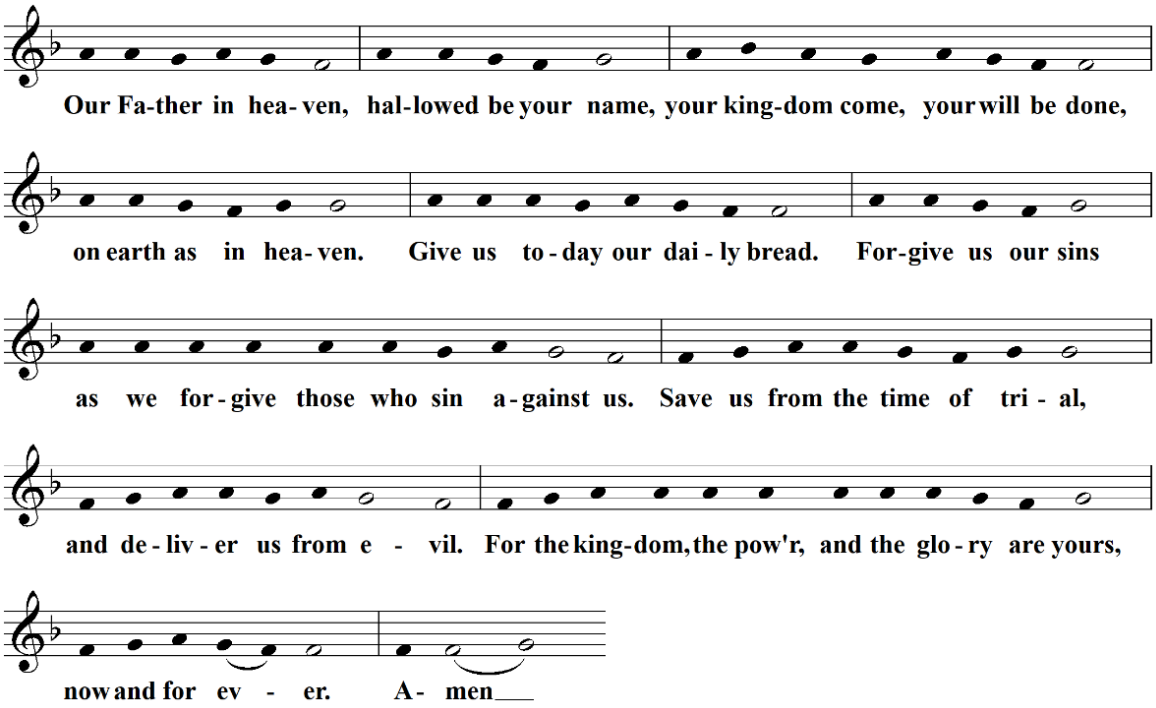
The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

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



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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 — Victoria: Missa Quarti Toni

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

Motet during Communion

O Jesus Christ, meins Lebens Licht	O Jesus Christ, my life's true light,
Mein Hort, mein Trost, mein Zuversicht,	My prize, my strength, hope to my sight,
Auf Erden bin ich nu rein Gast	On earth here am I but a guest
Und drückt mich sehr der Sünden Last.	And by sin's burden sore oppressed.

Text: Martin Behm (1557-1622). Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

All: **For, though we are in many places,**
we spiritually share one bread.

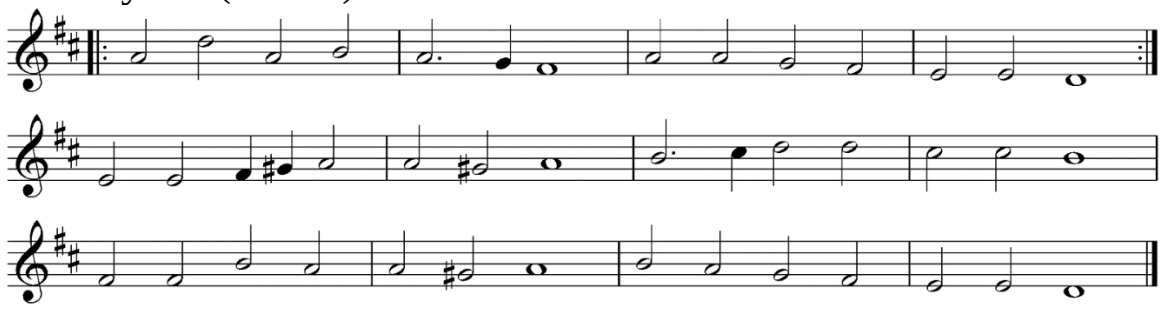
Prayer after Communion

O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.** Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn (CP 162) SALZBURG

1. **Sing of God made manifest**
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.

2. **Sing of God made manifest**
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my belovèd Son."

3. **Sing of God made manifest**
when Christ came as wedding-guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

4. **Sing of God made manifest**
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

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Music: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702).

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

Readings for February 26th – The 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 God has formed the first human from the dust of the ground and has breathed life into him. God has placed him in his own domain, a land of delight, the Garden of Eden. To eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is to attempt to gain total knowledge of creation, something God does not intend humans to do.

Psalm 32 Since disease was commonly regarded as punishment for sin, healing is evidence that the sin is forgiven. This psalm offers thanksgiving for healing.

Romans 5:12-19 Paul has said that Christians, reconciled to God, will be saved, sharing in the risen life of Christ. Now he contrasts Christ and Adam. Adam was the first human; with Christ there is a new humanity.

Matthew 4:1-11 Every Israelite was expected to live by the great commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Jesus shows himself to be the ideal Israelite, as he refuses to use his power in self-gratifying ways.

Flowers

In loving memory of all our family and friends who have died in February over the years, from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.

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	T.C.
Jeffrey	Jenna	Doug
Lorraine & family	Kat	John
Heather	Ted	Louise
Jeremy	Deb	Robert & Jean
Joyce	Jan & Anna in bereavement	Judith
Deb	Pat	Andrew
Marlene	Margaret	Rod

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