

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent* *February 26, 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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Temptation of Christ - Vasily Surikov - 1872  
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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](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: [www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](http://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](mailto: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.



## 8:00 am Holy Communion

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

**Presider:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Greeters:** Louise Langman, Richard Routledge

**Crucifer:** Susanna Peterson

**Sacristan:** Iris Elsdon

**Readers:** Erin Kelly, Al Lehmann

**Gospel:** Lorraine Gates

**Intercessor:** Kit Pearson

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Chuck Neilson  
Patrick Samuel

**Verger:** David Pupak

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine  
Char Hodgkins, Assisting

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

**Setting:** Eleanor Daley, Fourth Missa Brevis

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## Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

### Announcements

### Introit

Miserere mei, O Jesu.

Have mercy on me, O Jesus.

Composer: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

### Processional Hymn (CP 372)

GERONTIUS

*The Church Family Candle is brought forward.*



- 1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**
- 2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.**
- 3. O generous love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;**
- 4. and that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence, and his very self,  
and essence all-divine;**
- 5. who in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his followers, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.**
- 6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

Text: John Henry Newman (1801-1890).  
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

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.**

## Kyrie

*Choir*

*During lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.*

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.*

Spirit of the desert,  
you drove Jesus to the edge of the world  
to seek your truth and find his calling:  
scour our hearts and awaken our hunger,  
so that freed from empty clinging  
we may serve only you the Creator;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds.

**All: Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## Church Family Prayer

*After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.*

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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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

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Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is  
put away!  
Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is  
no guile!  
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning  
all day long.  
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up  
as in the heat of summer.  
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God." Then you forgave me the  
guilt of my sin.  
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.  
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me  
with shouts of deliverance.

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in God.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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

Romans 5:12-19

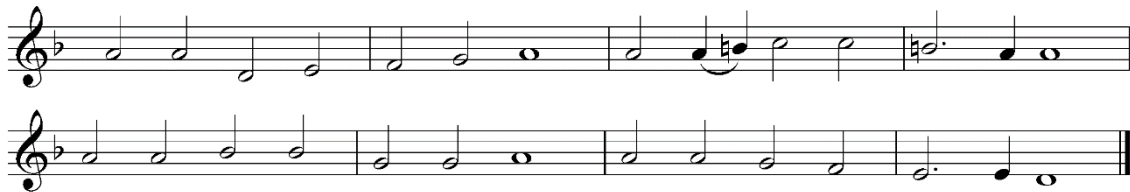
*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn (NEH 67)

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| <p><b>1. Forty days and forty nights<br/>Thou wast fasting in the wild,<br/>Forty days and forty nights<br/>Tempted and yet undefiled.</b></p> <p><b>2. Sunbeams scorching all the day,<br/>Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,<br/>Prowling beasts about thy way,<br/>Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.</b></p> <p><b>3. Let us thine endurance share,<br/>And awhile from joys abstain,<br/>With thee watching unto prayer,<br/>Strong with thee to suffer pain.</b></p> | <p><b>4. And if Satan, vexing sore,<br/>Flesh or spirit should assail,<br/>Thou, his vanquisher before,<br/>Grant we may not faint nor fail.</b></p> <p><b>5. So shall we have peace divine,<br/>Holier gladness ours shall be,<br/>Round us too shall angels shine,<br/>Such as ministered to thee.</b></p> <p><b>6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,<br/>Ever constant by thy side,<br/>That with thee we may appear<br/>At th' eternal Eastertide.</b></p> |
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Text: G. H. Smyttan (1822-70) and Francis Pott (1832-1909).  
Music: 'M.H.' in Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch 1676. Melody possibly by M. Herbst (1654-81).

*Before the Gospel*



*Cantor:* Blessed are those who have endured temptation;  
they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.



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

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

**All: Hear, O Israel:**  
**the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**  
**Love the Lord your God**  
**with all your heart,**  
**with all your soul,**  
**with all your mind,**  
**and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

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.*

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn (CP 628)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame  
for us, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs, and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.
5. For us by wickedness betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.
6. For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
7. To God whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through the Son,  
to God, Creator, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

Text: Latin (O amor quam, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885).  
Music: Melody Trier MS (15<sup>th</sup> cent.); adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

## The Prayer over the Gifts

God our provider,  
you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts,  
which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)



*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.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.**

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

*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.*

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 all  
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 this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

## 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

*Choir*

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.

## Anthem

Remember not, Lord, our offences,  
nor the offences of our forefathers;  
neither take thou vengeance of our sins:  
spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,  
and be not angry with us for ever.

Part of the Litany from the Book of Common Prayer, 1559.

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## The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

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



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## Readings for March 5<sup>th</sup> – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Genesis 12:1-4a** God calls Abraham, promising blessings, and Abraham responds in faith.

**Psalm 121** God offers constant presence and care for us as we journey through life.

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17** Paul teaches that God chose Abraham not because he had done all the right things but because he trusted God's promises.

**John 3:1-17** Jesus challenges Nicodemus to take up a new life that sees, hopes and believes in God's creative, transforming power.

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### 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

### R.I.P.

Pat Wankiewicz (Van-KEH-vitch)

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