

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 5th Sunday of Easter *May 7, 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.



Photo by David Stratkauskas

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.

Thank you for your support.



8:00 am Holy Communion

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

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

Presider: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Greeters: Bill & Joan Huzar

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Judith Branion

Readers: Barry Salter, Margaret Walker

Gospel: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Jason McKinney

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Melville,

Graeme Brown, Patrick Samuel

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: Upper Voices Quartet

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Setting for Sanctus and Agnus Dei:

Missa Canonica Duarum Vocum,

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this service, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Introit

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

The man that trusteth in him.

Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Hymn (CP 300)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1. **Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**

2. **All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

please turn page for vs. 3-5



3. To this temple, where we call thee,
 come, O Lord of hosts, today;
 with thy wonted loving-kindness,
 hear thy servants as they pray;
 and thy fullest benediction
 shed within its walls always.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
 what they ask of thee to gain,
 what they gain from thee forever
 with the blessed to retain,
 and hereafter in thy glory
 evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
 laud and honour to the Son,
 laud and honour to the Spirit,
 ever three, and ever one,
 one in might and one in glory,
 while unending ages run.

Text: Latin (Angularis fundamentum, 7th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)), O God, thou art my God; adapt. The Psalmist, 1842.

Church Family Prayer

Loving God,
All: you've called us to be your family
 and to celebrate our life together in worship.
 We pray for all the members of our family,
 here and absent,
 and especially for our young people now
 as they continue their worship.
 Bless them, and each of us,
 in fun and learning, in friendship, and love.
 Amen.

The children and their leaders will now gather in the Parish House and will rejoin us for Communion.

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 May Christ's grace and peace be with you.
All: May God fill our hearts with joy.

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 (CP 702)

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Risen Christ,
give us grace to love one another,
to search for truth and to walk in the ways of justice and peace,
so that we may abide in the Father's love always.

All: Amen.

Propers Working Group (2016)

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me
in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my
stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my
tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God, O
God of truth.

“My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and
from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness
save me.”

Text: 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 Peter 2:2-10

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled.
On his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.
2. O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring.
Our voices we will raise
the Three-in-One to sing,
and thus proclaim
in joyful song
both loud and long
that glorious name.

3. Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower
on all who pray,
each holy day
thy blessings pour.
4. Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

Text: Latin (Angularis fundamentum, 7th cent.); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876).
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

The Gospel
Before the Gospel

John 14:1-14



Choir: Jesus said 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life:
and I will raise them up on the last day.'



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

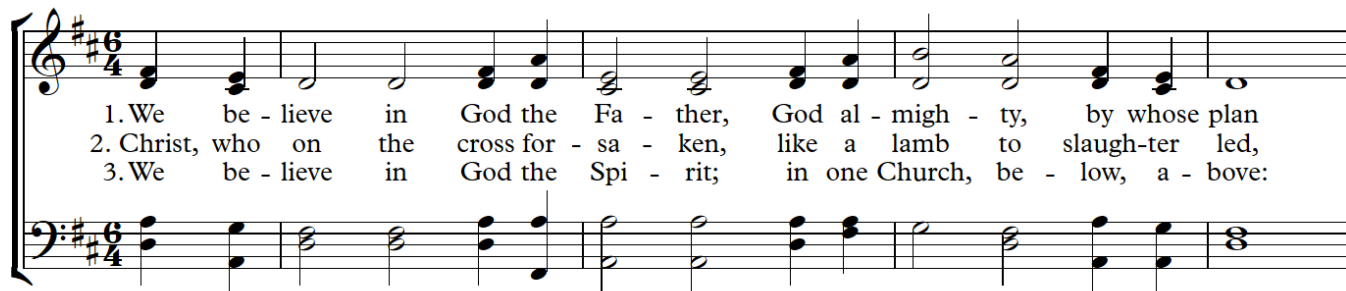
After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

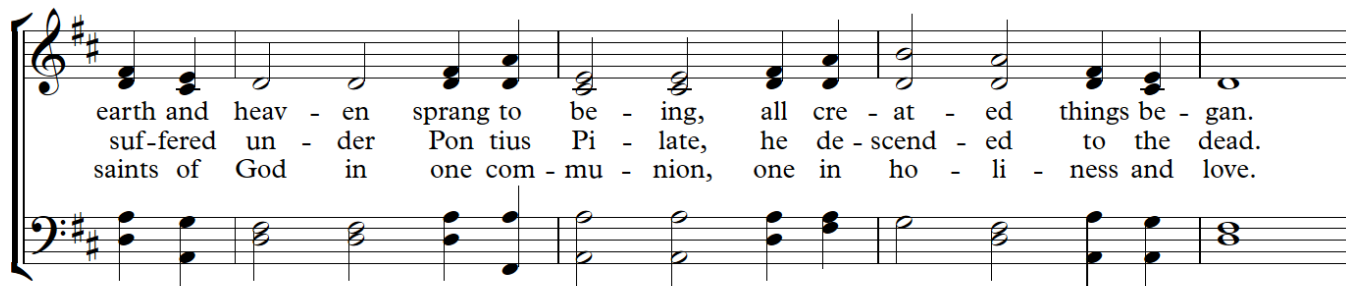
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon


Affirmation of Faith



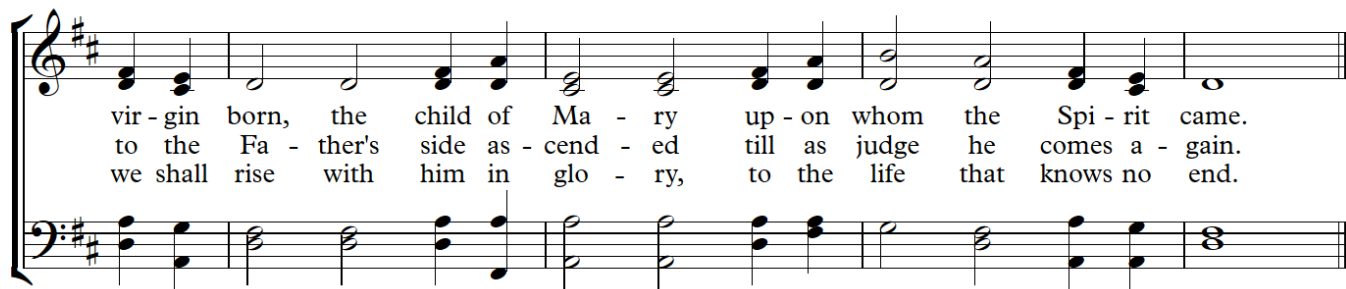
1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf-fered un - der Pon tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.



We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - viour, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea ven's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - viour, Lord and friend,



vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry, to the life that knows no end.

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Music: NETTLETON, trad. American.

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

We don't pass an offertory plate at St. John's, but we are grateful for your support of our ministry in the centre of Victoria. If you would like to contribute financially, there are a couple of ways you can do so - there is a QR code on page 2 of the leaflet which takes you to our Canada Helps page, and there is a donation box by the Garden door.

Offertory Hymn (NEH 477)

RUSTINGTON



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| <p>1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
Ye for whom a Corner-stone
Stands, of God elect and precious,
Laid that ye may build thereon,
See that on that sure foundation
Ye a living temple raise,
Towers that may tell forth salvation,
Walls that may re-echo praise.</p> | <p>2. Living stones, by God appointed
Each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.</p> |
| <p>3. Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.</p> | |

Text: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955).
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Music: Hyfrydol (Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1811-1887).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need
through 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

BAS Eucharist Prayer #4

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.

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 (sung by the choir)

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

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 all 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 Disciple's Prayer

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

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains the melody for the Disciple's Prayer. The notes are: A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (half). The first two notes are beamed together, and the last two are beamed together. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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-against 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

Lord, we died with you on the cross

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive communion. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.

Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

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.*

Anthem

THE CALL

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633).

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); adapt. E. Harold Geer (1886-1957).

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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.

Prayer after Communion

God of love,
in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life.

May we always walk in your way,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Doxology

Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Recessional Hymn (NEH 114)

GOPSAL



**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 man's 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;
My life is hid in God with thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

**4. Thee will I love and serve
Now in time's passing day;
Thy hand shall hold me fast
When time is done away,
In God's unknown eternal spheres
To serve him through eternal years.**

Text: G. W. Briggs (1875-1959).

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

Readings for May 14th – The 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 Using Stoic and Jewish arguments, Paul preaches Christ's resurrection to a sophisticated audience in Athens.

Psalms 66:7-18 Like Paul's sermon, this psalm is proclamation of God's saving work.

1 Peter 3:13-22 The reality of Christians suffering unjustly is confronted, and appropriate responses are given.

John 14:15-21 Jesus says farewell to his disciples but promises the comfort of the Spirit.

Flowers

In loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Duff - Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Gone but never forgotten, from Louise 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
Robert G.
Joe & family
Zoe
Joanne
Kate

Deb H.
Pat
Nancy
Doug & Val
Samantha
Theresa

Kat
Jenna
The Aydemir Family
Geoffrey
Paul
Martin

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