The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

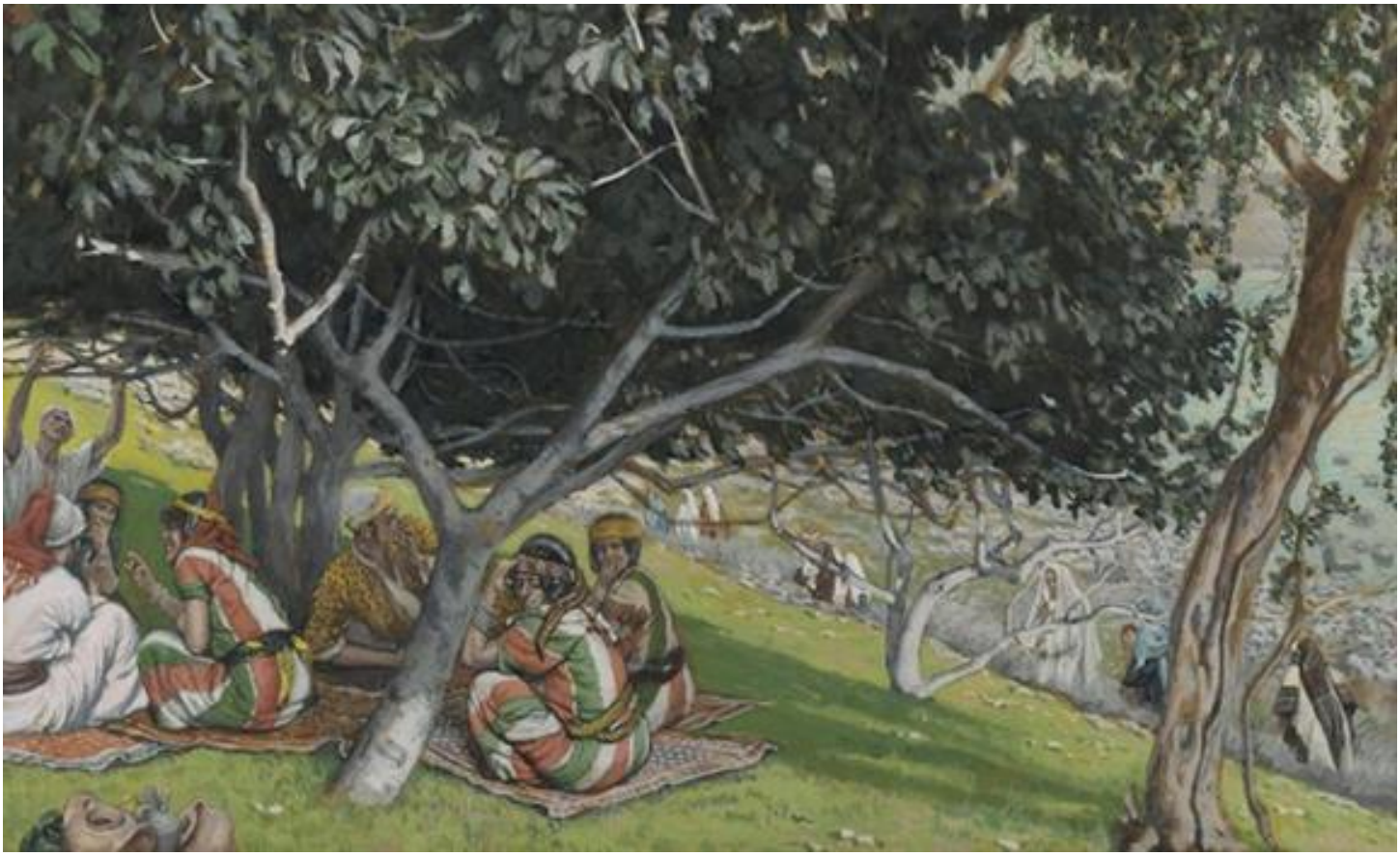
The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany ***January 14, 2024***

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 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 **10:00am (Holy Eucharist), 4:30pm (BCP Evensong)** and **6:00pm (Soul Space - last Sunday of the month)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). 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 Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

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: Louise Langman, David Buckman
Crucifer: Penny Holt
Sacristan: Terry Needham
Readers: Christine Scott, Mary Kennedy
Gospel: Carol Anne Harper
Intercessor: Erin Kelly
Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil
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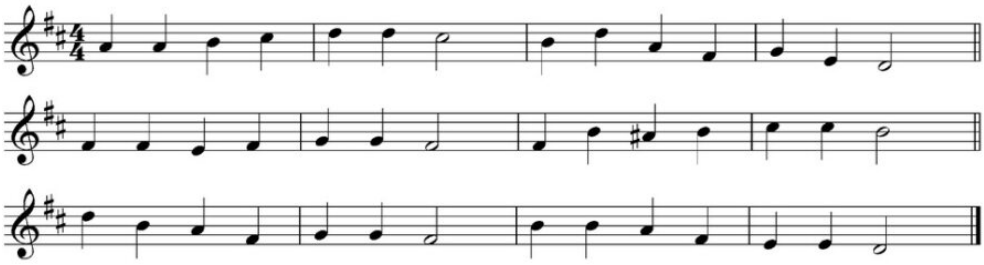
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel, Virginia Miller, Iris Elsdon
Verger: David Pupak
Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett
Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music
Setting: Andrea Gabrieli (1532/33-1585), Missa Brevis

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

Processional Hymn (CP 5)

RATISBON

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: Melody – *Geystliche Gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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

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

Persevering God,
by your sure voice
you rouse us from our slumber
and call us to discipleship and mission
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Revsed Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

GOD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O GOD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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 6:12-20

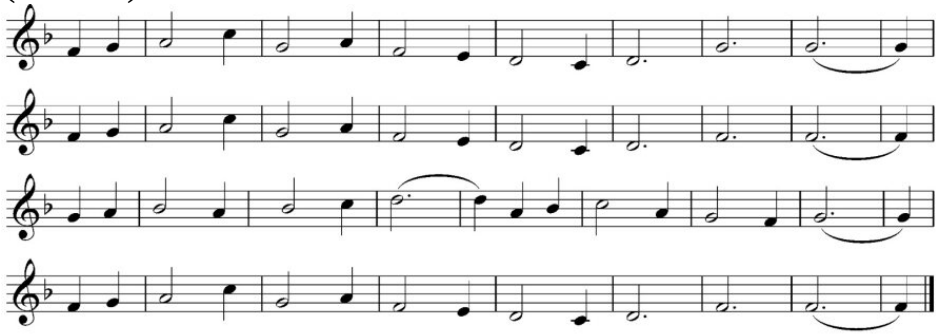
After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (CP 430)

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never 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.

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

John 1:43-51

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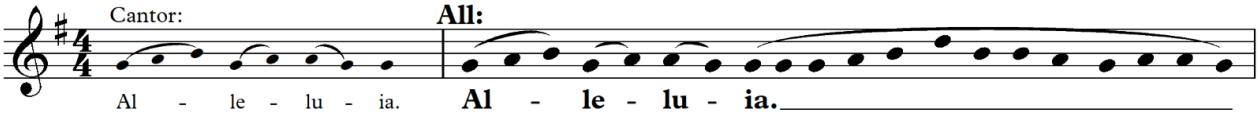
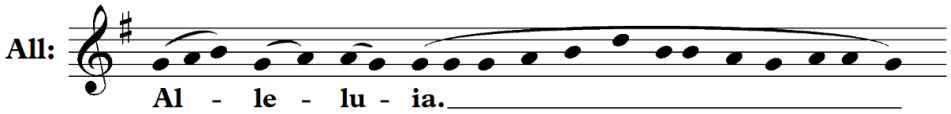

Cantor: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.



God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hear the Good news of Jesus 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 (CP 44)

We believe and trust in God the Creator.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, incarnate Word.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.

(from *Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles, alt.)*

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.

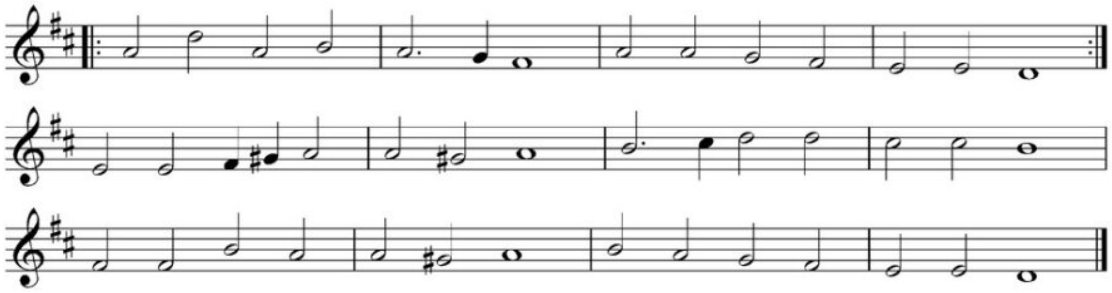
All: **And also with you.**

All may offer their neighbour a 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 few 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. Also, there is a collection plate at each entrance for people to leave their offering or blue envelope in. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the office.

Offertory Hymn (NEH 56)

SALZBURG

1. **Songs of thankfulness and praise,**
   Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
   manifested by the star
   to the Magi from afar,
   branch of royal David's stem,
   in your birth at Bethlehem.
   Anthems be to you addressed,
   God in man made manifest.

2. **Manifest at Jordan's stream,**
   Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
   and at Cana, wedding guest,
   in your Godhead manifest;
   manifest in pow'r divine,
   changed water into wine.
   Anthems be to you addressed,
   God in man made manifest.

3. **Manifest in making whole**
   praised limbs and fainting soul;
   manifest in valiant fight,
   quelling all the devil's might;
   manifest in gracious will,
   ever bringing good from ill:
   Anthems be to you addressed,
   God in man made manifest.

4. **Grant us grace to see you, Lord,**
   mirrored in your holy Word.
   May our lives and all we do
   imitate and honour you
   that we all like you may be
   at your great epiphany
   and may praise you, ever blest,
   God in man made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
Music: Melody – Jakob Hintze (1622-1702).

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God,
you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.
May we hear his word and follow it,
and live as children of light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

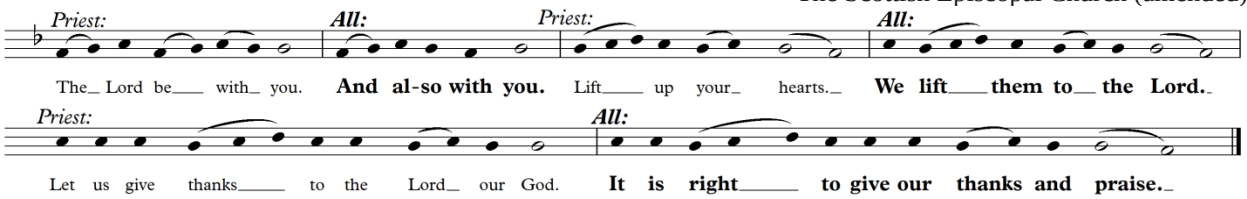
All: **Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

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

Eucharistic Prayer II b (The Incarnation)
The Scottish Episcopal Church (amended)



Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Day and night celebrate your glory, till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son, you have revealed yourself to the world.
By the guiding of a star, you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel; that in following him,
we might be led from darkness and into marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit,
who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan,
we who are baptized strive for God's reign,
in whose radiance we are transfigured
and the earth is transformed.

As children by your loving hand
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus

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.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope, in whom you are well pleased.

Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,
he proclaimed the good news of your coming.
The blind received their sight, the lame walked,
the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free.
At his word, water became wine, the hungry were filled with bread,
and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
and at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

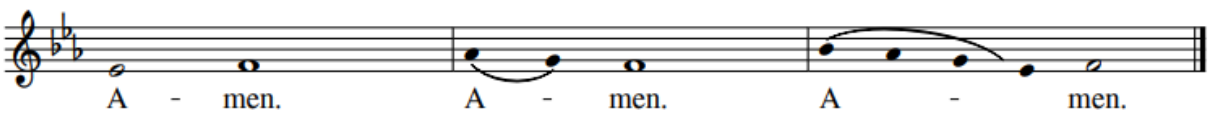
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of God's reign.
Made one with God, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your reign.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all peoples, living and departed.

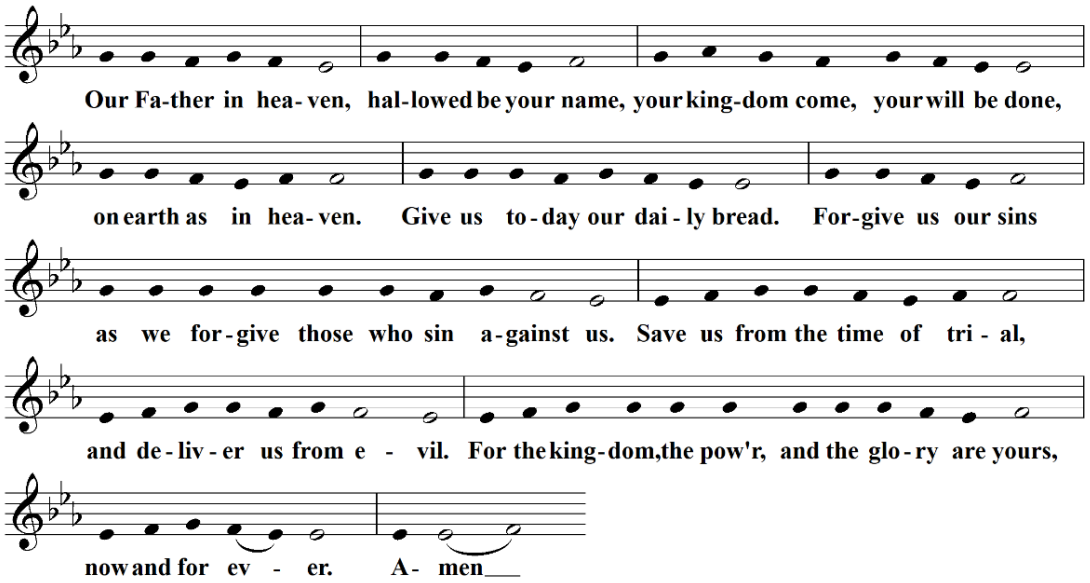
Through Jesus Christ, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
God of all ages, world without end.

All:



The Disciple's Prayer

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



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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 invited to receive communion. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. As it is considered unsafe, 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

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

Anthem

Arvo Part, Morning Star

Christ is the morning star,
who when the night of this world is past
brings to his saints the promise of the light of life
and opens everlasting day.

Text: Prayer above the tomb of St. Bede in Durham Cathedral

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

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

Prayer after Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us your light may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

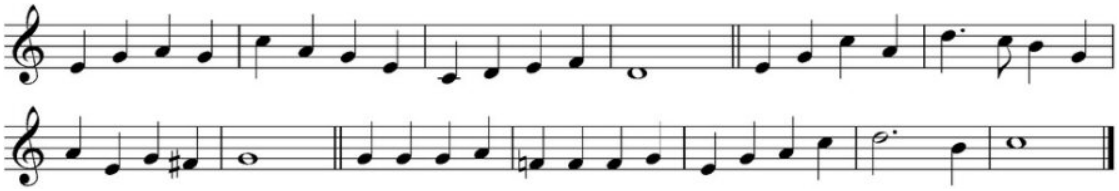
The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (CP 325) ANGEL-VOICES

1. **Angel-voices, ever singing,**
   round thy throne of light,
   angel-harps, forever ringing,
   rest not day nor night;
   thousands only live to bless thee,
   and confess thee, Lord of might!

2. **Yea, we know that thou rejoicest**
   o'er each work of thine;
   thou didst ears and hands and voices
   for thy praise design;
   artist's craft and music's measure
   for thy pleasure all combine.

3. **In thy house, great God, we offer**
   of thine own to thee;
   and for thine acceptance proffer,
   in humility,
   hearts and minds and hands and voices,
   in our choicest psalmody.

4. **Honour, glory, might, and merit,**
   thine shall ever be,
   Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
   blessèd Trinity!
   Of the best that thou hast given,
   earth and heaven render thee.

Text: Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.
Music: Edwin George Monk (1819-1900).

Voluntary

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

Choral Evensong
today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 96; Isaiah 60:9-end; Hebrews 6:17—7:10
Officiating and preaching: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum
Music: A Quartet of Choristers & Organist
Anthem: Jacob Clemens non Papa, Magi veniunt ab oriente

Flowers

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my big sister, Patricia,
from Bill Williamson.

Readings for January 21 – The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 The Book of Jonah is a prophetic word in response to insular nationalism. God's mercy overrides God's justice.

Psalm 62:6-14 That God's mercy was a fitting response to the Ninevites' repentance is affirmed.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Christians are to live according to trust in God's faithfulness.

Mark 1:14-20 Are we willing to be changed by following Jesus?

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Robert G.	Joe & family	Teresa
Heather	Andy	Gary
Lisa	Jane	Andrew
Chris	Sid	Geoffrey
Edward	Lorraine M.	Samantha
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Nancy	Deb	Kate
Doug & Val	Anthony	Jill and family
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