

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

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 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.



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.

Services at St. John's are: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist – with choir (on hiatus until September) and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong – on hiatus until September)** 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. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion), which is available at the garden door entrance. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office. 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 Pam Worthington

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: David Buckman, Barbara Jenks

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Duane Lecky

Readers: Barry Salter, Ava Gregorian

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Reverend Pam Worthington

Intercessor: Sarah Kell

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Miller,

Nancy Baal, Lorraine Gates

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Organist: David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (CP 384)

LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

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- 3. Praise to the Lord,
 who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
 here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
 if with his love he befriend thee.**
- 4. Praise to the Lord,
 who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly
 around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
 whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**
- 5. Praise to the Lord,
 who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph,
 all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
 saints with his mercy surrounding.**
- 6. Praise to the Lord!
 O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
 come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
 Gladly for aye we adore him.**

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

Gathering

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 (CP 366)

PSALM 42

1. Glo - ry in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ the world's re - deem - er, Lamb of God, for sin - ners given,

Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing to the source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:

reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,

now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

Text: *Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek Hymn, 200?)*; para. Paul Gibson (1952-) ©.

Music: Melody – Geneva, 1551.

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The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Eternal God,
you draw near to us in Christ
and make yourself our guest:
Amid the cares of our daily lives,
alert us to your presence
and make us attentive to your voice,
so that we may treasure your word above all else.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son.

All: Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Amos 8:1-12

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

52

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?
You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.
You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.
You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.
Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!
The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at them, saying,
"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."
But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 458)

SEEK YE FIRST



1. **Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia.

2. **Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain

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The Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Before the Gospel:

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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.

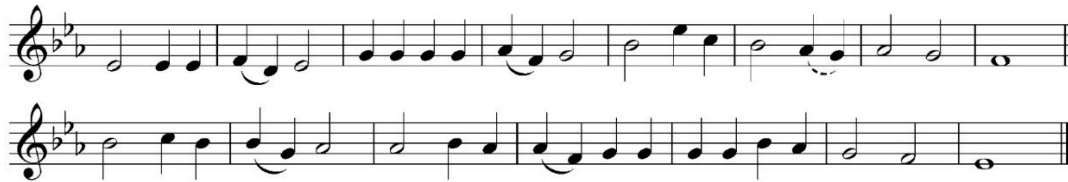
All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

We don't pass the offertory plate at St. John's, but we are grateful for your support of our ministry and heritage building. There are several ways you can contribute financially. You may use the QR code printed on page 2 of this leaflet to contribute via Canada Helps (tax receipt included). There is a donation box by the garden door entrance and collection plates at the front and back entrances for people to leave offerings or envelopes. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion), which is available at the garden door entrance. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office.

Offertory Hymn (CP 619)

CRUSADERS' HYMN



1. **Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
Thee will I cherish,
thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.**

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer,
fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Text: Munster Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850, alt.
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The Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
 Through your goodness
 you have blessed us with these gifts:
 Ourselves, our time and our possessions.
 Use us, and what we have gathered
 in feeding the world with your love,
 through the one who gave himself for us,
 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

Prayer #1, The Book of Alternative Services

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures, each with a vocal part labeled 'Priest:' or 'All:'. The lyrics for these measures are: 'The Lord be with you.', 'And al-so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts.', and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The second staff has two measures, each with a vocal part labeled 'Priest:' or 'All:'. The lyrics for these measures are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
 gracious God, for you created all things.
 You formed us in your own image:
 In the wonderful diversity of gender you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,
 you did not cease to care for us,
 but opened a path of salvation for all people.
 You made a covenant with Israel,
 and through your servants, Abraham and Sarah,
 gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
 Through Moses you led your people
 from bondage into freedom;
 through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
 Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
 who have served you in every age,
 we give thanks and raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (CP 732)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and might, Heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless'd 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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Holy God, source of life and goodness,
 all creation rightly gives you praise.
 In the fullness of time,
 you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
 to share our human nature,
 to live and die as one of us,
 to reconcile us to you,
 the God and Father of all.
 He healed the sick
 and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
 he opened the eyes of the blind
 and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
 to the poor and to those in need.
 In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, 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."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

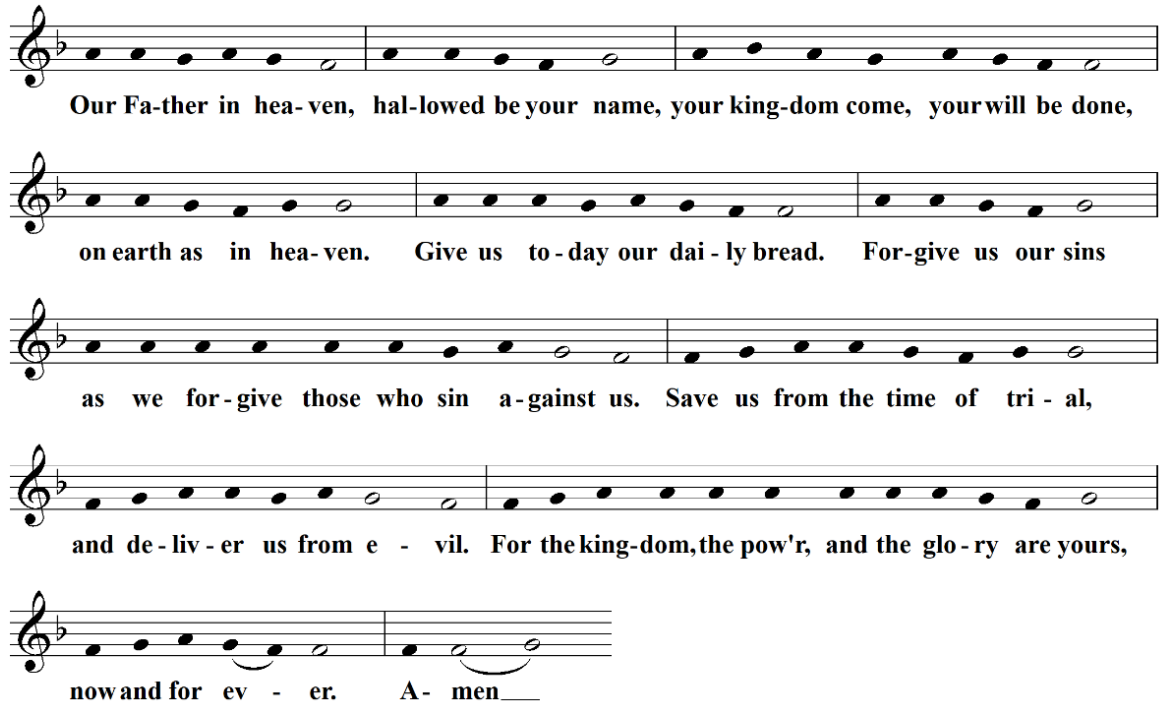
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

The Disciple's Prayer

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

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 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.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

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

Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us to your heart
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran worship (2006) alt.

Blessing

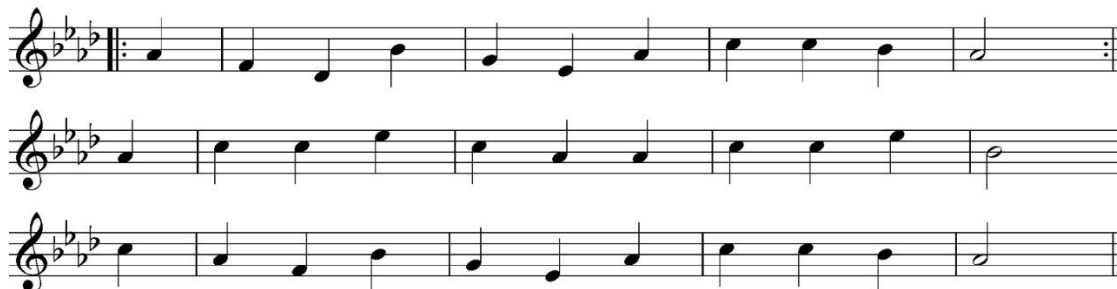
Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

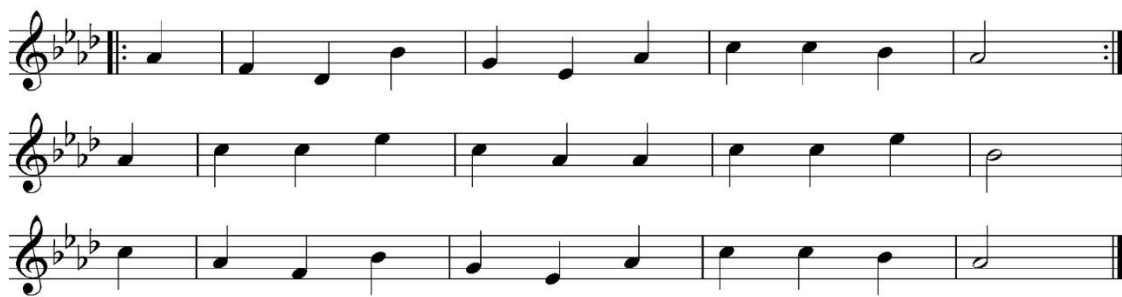
Recessional Hymn (CP 527)

ST. DENIO



1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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- 4. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**
- 5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never—no, never—no, never forsake!"**

Text: John Rippon (1751-1836), called "K" in a Selection of Hymns, 1787.

Music: Melody Genuine Church Music, 1832.

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Voluntary

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

Flowers

In loving memory and with gratitude for the life of Verna Dryburgh, from Judith Reid.



BLUE ENVELOPE FOR JULY: Threshold Housing

Threshold Housing Society was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Anglican parishioners to address the transitional housing needs of youth aged between 16 and 21 years who are at risk of homelessness. The Society provides supportive programming in the several homes it owns, and a new initiative which helps youth who are renters in private rooms or suites. Threshold Housing Society was incorporated as a charitable society under the BC Societies Act in March 1990. **Tel:** 250 383 8830 **Email:** info@thresholdhousing.ca

Readings for July 27th – The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10 Here is metaphor for the deteriorating relationship between God and Israel: unfaithful Israel is depicted as the unfaithful wife Gomer.

Psalms 85 Mercy and truth, righteousness and peace are at the very heart of God.

Colossians 2:6-19 We are reminded of the importance of keeping Christ central in our lives.

Luke 11:1-13 Jesus teaches how to pray, including the importance of perseverance and persistence.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

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| Chuck | Val & family | Bill & Joan |
| Charles & Frances | Carin & David | Paul C-S. |
| Justin | Nancy B. | Andrew |
| Bishop Logan McMenamie | Betty P. | Kate & family |
| Anne | Deb | Kate |
| Richard M. | Laurel | Alice |
| Jarka | Michael | Alex & family |
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