

*July 27, 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.



Koenig, Peter. Christ the Teacher, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/link.pl?RC=58509> [retrieved July 16, 2025]. Original source: Peter Winfried (Canisius) Koenig, <https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>.

***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](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. 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

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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 Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Greeters:** Marilyn Moody, Bill Huzar

**Crucifer:** Heather Lee

**Sacristan:** Penny Holt

**Readers:** Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger

**Gospel:** Lorraine Gates

**Sermon:** Gary Moss

**Intercessor:** Erin Kelly

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Fraser,

Graeme Brown, Patrick Samuel

**Verger:** Douwe Bosma

**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 330)

LAUDATE DOMINUM



1. **O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;  
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.**
2. **O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;  
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;  
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,  
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.**
3. **O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.**
4. **O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
be ever outpoured all ages along;  
for love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Text: Ps. 150; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.  
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

## 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.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught the disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

Hosea 1:2-10

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm (*congregation please say the verses in bold*)

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You have been gracious to your land, O GOD, \* you have restored the good  
fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \* and blotted out all their sins.**  
You have withdrawn all your fury \* and turned yourself from your  
wrathful indignation.

**Restore us then, O God our Savior; \* let your anger depart from us.**

Will you be displeased with us for ever? \* will you prolong your anger from  
age to age?

**Will you not give us life again, \* that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O GOD, \* and grant us your salvation.

**I will listen to what GOD is saying, \* for GOD is speaking peace to GOD's  
faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to GOD.**

Truly, GOD's salvation is very near to those who fear GOD, \* that GOD's glory  
may dwell in our land.

**Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed  
each other.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down  
from heaven.

**GOD will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before GOD, \* and peace shall be a pathway for  
GOD's feet.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaption of the Book of Psalms,  
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use)

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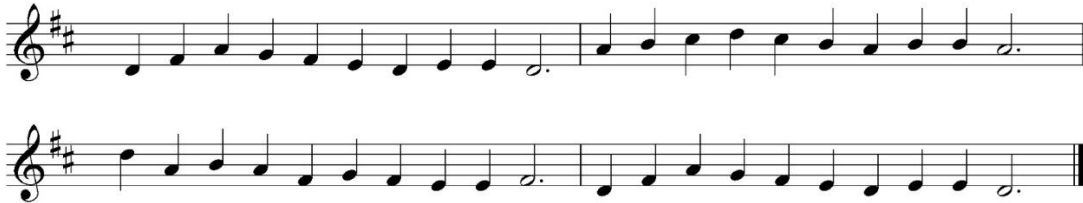
*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn (CP 557)

SURSUM CORDA



1. Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,  
I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I only know my need, as deep as life,  
and only you can teach me how to pray.
2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
help me to see your purpose and your will—  
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;  
held in forgiving love, let me be still.
3. Come with the strength I lack, the vision clear  
of neighbour's need, of all humanity;  
fulfilment of my life in love outpoured;  
my life in you, O Christ; your love in me.

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## The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

*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.*

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## 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 59)

JESUS CALLS US



1. Jesus calls us here to meet him,  
as through word and song and prayer  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

please turn page for vs. 3-4



**3. Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language—  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.**

**4. Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.**

Text: John L. Bell (1949- ) and Graham Maule (1958- ).

Music: Melody Gaelic trad.; adapt. and arr. The Iona Community (Scotland).

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## The Prayer over the Gifts

God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
so that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence in 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 is written on two staves. The first staff has four measures, each with a label above it: *Priest:*, *All:*, *Priest:*, and *All:*. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The second staff has two measures, each with a label above it: *Priest:* and *All:*. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

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)

The musical notation is written on four staves. The lyrics are: "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." The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

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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-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

## 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.*

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## 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.**



1. **“Your kingdom come”—on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom’s day.**
2. **But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong,  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.**
3. **And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear.  
Gird up your loins, you prophet souls;  
proclaim the day is near:**
4. **The day in whose clear shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;**
5. **when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad—  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.**

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929), alt.  
Music: Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749.

## Voluntary

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

## Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in grateful memory of my beloved Tim, from Sara Chu.



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### 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](mailto:info@thresholdhousing.ca)

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### Readings for August 3<sup>rd</sup> – The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Hosea 11:1-11** God is portrayed as the ever-patient father withholding anger and extending compassion as he attempts to raise the recalcitrant child, Israel.

**Psalms 107:1-9, 43** This psalm of thanksgiving offers a moving portrait of the steadfast love of God.

**Colossians 3:1-11** Morally responsible behaviour is the expectation of those who are united to Christ.

**Luke 12:13-21** Jesus avoids making rules about how much wealth is too much and instead expresses concern about what coveting does to people, whether they have much or little.

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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.

|                        |                 |               |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 |
| Jane                   | Jill & family   | Cathy         |
| Samantha               | Joanne          | Harry         |
| Zoe                    | Dawson & family | Robyn         |
| Sue G.                 | Bob & Irene     | Christopher   |

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