

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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.



Master of the Osservanza. St. Anthony Distributing His Wealth to the Poor, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55513> [retrieved July 23, 2025]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Master_Of_The_Osservanza_-_St_Anthony_Distributing_his_Wealth_to_the_Poor_-_WGA14603.jpg.

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 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 Reverend Pam Worthington

Greeters: Nancy Baal, Louise Langman

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Terry Needham

Readers: Marilynn Mincey

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: Jaqueline Gillespie

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Miller,

Gerry Melville, Iris Elsdon

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Organist: David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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.

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (CP 310)

MIT FREUDEN ZART



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| <p>1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory.</p> <p>2. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory.</p> | <p>3. Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud your praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body bear your part:
to God all praise and glory.</p> <p>4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.</p> |
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Text: Johan Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897).
Music: Melody Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; arr. The English Hymnal, 1906, 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.

Living God,
you have placed in our hands
the wealth we call our own:
Give us wisdom,
so that our possessions may not be a curse,
but a means of blessing in our lives
and the lives of others.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Hosea 11:1-11

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

107:1-9, 43

Give thanks to GOD, for GOD is good, * and GOD's mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom GOD has redeemed proclaim * that GOD redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

GOD gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; * they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; * their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to GOD in their trouble, * and GOD delivered them from their distress.

GOD put their feet on a straight path * to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to GOD for GOD's mercy * and the wonders GOD does for GOD's children.

For GOD satisfies the thirsty * and fills the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things, * and consider well the mercies of GOD.

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)

Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman, the Rev. K.D. Jouce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 577)

CWM RHONDDA



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| <p>1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.</p> | <p>3. Cure your children's warring madness.
Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.</p> |
| <p>2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.</p> | <p>4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail ourselves and thee.</p> |

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
Music: John Hughes (1873-1932).

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.

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 505)

SLANE



1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true child;
Though once far away now by love reconciled.
3. Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

please turn page for vs. 4-5



4. Riches I need not, nor anyone's praise:
 Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
 Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
 O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
5. High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after victory is won;
 Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish hymn (8th cent.); tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
 vers. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

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Music: Melody – Irish trad.; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958), alt. Arr. © Oxford University Press.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy and grace,
 the eyes of all wait upon you,
 and you open your hand in blessing.
 Fill us with good things at your table,
 so that we may come to the help of all in need,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator 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 (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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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.

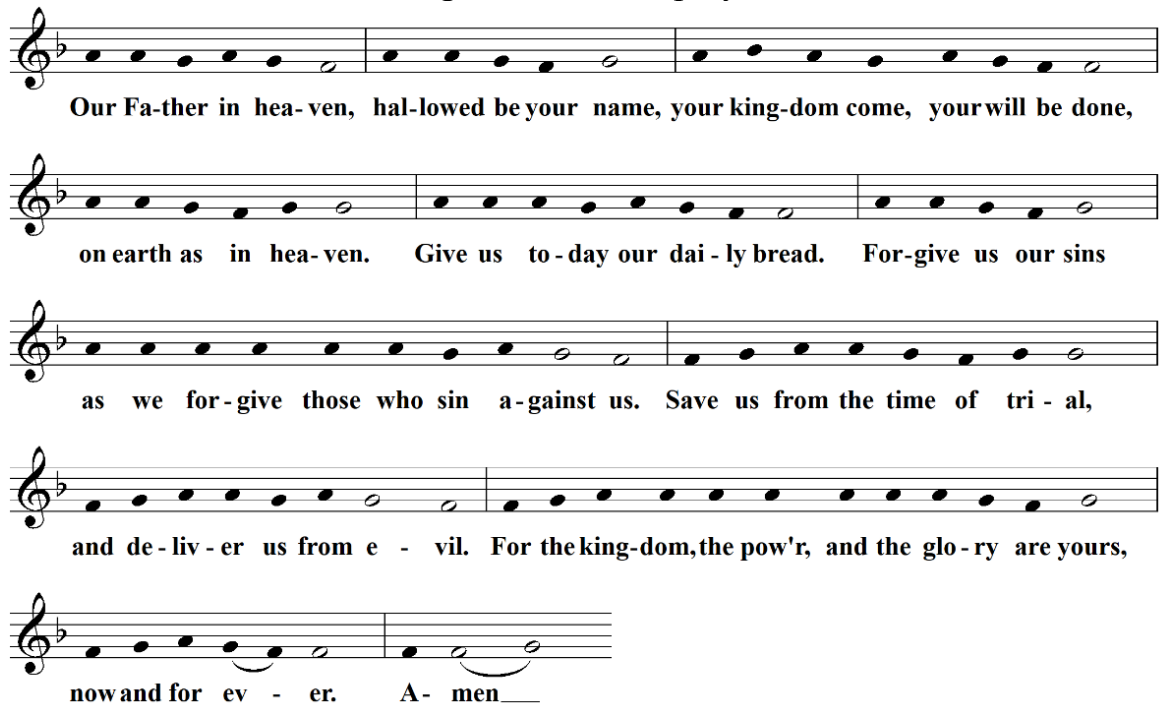
All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

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.



The Disciple's Prayer

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



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

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran worship (2006)

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.



1. Now thank we all our God,
 with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done,
 in whom this world rejoices;
 who from our mother's arms
 hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessèd peace to cheer us,
 and nourish us with grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills
 in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
 eternal now be given,
 to Spirit and to Word,
 who reign in highest heaven:
 our ever faithful God,
 whom heaven and earth adore;
 for thus is was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinckart (1596-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: Melody – Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

Voluntary

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

Flowers

To the Glory of God and with thanksgiving for the years of love, grace and blessings we have shared, from Andrew and Lorraine Gates.



BLUE ENVELOPE FOR AUGUST: Victoria Native Friendship Centre

The mandate of VNFC is "To encourage and promote the well-being of Urban Aboriginal People, by strengthening individuals, family, and community." Beginning their work in 1969, the Centre has become a vital resource for urban Indigenous individuals and families and is strategically positioned to play a major role in the development and implementation of urban Indigenous governance on southern Vancouver Island.

Readings for August 10th – The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 The prophet criticizes the huge gap between Israel's worship and Israel's national life.

Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24 Cosmic images suggest that all creation witnesses the judgment of God.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Faith is defined as an inner conviction not necessarily supported by tangible evidence, and Abraham is named for his faithfulness.

Luke 12:32-40 Material wealth is not of and by itself bad, but attitudes toward it need to be healthy. As well, readiness in good works for Christ's return at an unexpected hour leaves no cause for anxiety.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Charles & Frances
Justin
Jan
Anne
Marie
Margaret
Jane
Samantha
Zoe

Val & family
Carin & David
Nancy B.
Moses
Deb
Laurel
Gary
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Sue G.
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