

**Book of Common Prayer**

**Holy Eucharist**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025 8:30AM

Readings:

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| Hosea 11.1-11 | Psalm 107.1-9, 43 | Colossians 3.1-11 | Luke 12.13-21 |

Presider: The Reverend Denise Doerksen

Deacon: The Reverend Trish Vollman Stock

Sidesperson: Mike Morgan

Reader: Mike Morgan

Prayers of the People: Karen Foubert

Chalice: The Reverend Trish Vollman Stock

Counters: Lorne Seier/Pat Dowdall

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

A heartfelt trinitarian message of gratitude to every one of you, for generously giving of yourself and your gifts to Holy Trinity!

We are so glad to see new faces serving in various ways and sustaining a healthy group of lay ministers. Through the gifts of your presence and skills you are helping us be a warm welcoming sacred community in North Saanich. All that you have given in terms of your passion and pocketbook has made it possible to provide dynamic and fulfilling ministry to all who walk through our doors and to keep our grounds and facilities maintained to this end. May God bless you for your support and participation and may we be an even greater blessing to the life of the world all around us in the days ahead!

Sincerely,

Rev. Denise and Wardens, Debra and Penny

Thank you, to all who generously give to the Trinity Time/ Companion Journeying Outreach. We have, with the parish of Central Saanich, helped to purchase a much-needed battery for well used electric scooter.

Also, with the funds we are able to offer a workshop, presented by Kathi Camilleri on Saturday, October 25th. "Building Bridges by Understanding the Village.” This is part of our ongoing Reconciliation Ministry. Please keep this date & plan to attend.

We are working with First Nations and Island Health to host another series of Food Skills classes. We hope this will be during the Autumn & Winter. It is a time for enjoying the healthy foods that are available & how to make them attractive and manageable in this difficult time of high grocery bills.

Blessings,

Thea Dickson

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

* Save the date for Messy Church starting on September 12th. See the poster on the back page.
* Harvest Community Dance, 5pm Friday September 19th We’re hosting our first community dance at Holy Trinity with a live band, line dancing and catered local food.  This will be a big sort of thank you to farmers and we hope y’all will come and kick up your heels with us. More details coming on our website soon.

**NOTICES**

* Please return the readings to the back of the church for the 10am service.
* Parking on West Saanich Road in front of the church has become a grave intersection hazard and new signage will be in place shortly to display NO PARKING. Comments to Penny Donaldson, Warden & Safe Church
* Please send requests for special prayers to Diana Chown dkchown@shaw.ca
* Ministry descriptions are available at the back of the church. Please take one and pray about where you can contribute and serve in the liturgy. Contact Rev. Denise at 250-818-6190 to chat with her about this.
* Rev. Denise is posting an audio of her sermons on our website. To access a sermon go to our website [https://holytrinityns.org](https://holytrinityns.org/) and click on Sermons in the menu and choose the sermon for a particular week.
* Contributions to Holy Trinity are tax deductible as a charitable donation on your income tax return. If you would like envelopes for your contribution please send an email to givings@holytrinityns.org or you can make monthly contributions by filling out the pre authorized debit form located at the back of the church.
* Scan the QR code in the bulletin for ways to donate.

*Next Week’s Readings: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24*

*Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16: The Gospel Reading; Luke 12.32.40*

*Biography of our visiting Rev.Trish Vollmann Stock*

I am Rev./Deacon Trish Vollmann Stock, a second-generation settler with paternal roots tracing back to German Ukrainians from Crimea who arrived in Macklin, SK, as refugees, and maternal ancestry from Glasgow, Scotland, who settled in Brandon, MB. Raised in Maple Ridge, BC—on Katzie territory—I relocated to Lake Cowichan and subsequently Duncan in 2006, residing on the unceded lands of the Cowichan Tribes, alongside my husband and two chihuahuas.

My family and I have been active members at St. Christopher/St. Aidan’s in Lake Cowichan and St. John the Baptist in Duncan, BC. Raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, I have served the church in various volunteer capacities over the years, most recently as a warden and synod delegate, and have participated in committees such as "We Together" and "Reconciliation and Beyond." In 2013, I felt called by God to pursue further service and was ordained as a permanent Deacon in 2023.

My passions include food security, poverty reduction, decolonization, and, more recently, environmental advocacy. Following a fulfilling career at Canada Post, I retired in September 2018. In retirement, I pursued full-time university studies, driven by my passion for lifelong learning and community engagement. I also enjoy writing poetry, hiking, and building meaningful connections with others.

I have published two poetry books based on acceptance and prayer.

I am the mother of two daughters and the grandmother of twin granddaughters and a grandson. Currently, I work five days a week at the Duncan Foodbank, where I support individuals facing food insecurity, mental illness, drug addiction, poverty, and loneliness.



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| **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** |

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| In our Anglican Communion | The Episcopal Church in the Philippines |
| In our Diocese | Anna, our Bishop, Postulants of the Diocese |
| In our Parish | Denise, our Priest, Robin Glendinning, Debbie Gray, Joan Harivel, Ron & Suzanne Harry |
| Our Monthly Outreach | Threshold Housing |

 Threshold Housing for Youth Monthly Outreach for August 2024

The Threshold purpose is to provide housing and support for young people in difficulty. “The homes offer stability for youth at risk of homelessness so that they might complete school, undertake work training, and to find employment.” For example: housing in a safe environment, building life skills and healthy relationships, peer and community connections, and to learn healthy coping.

Threshold Housing Society was born in Victoria in 1990 out of concern from community members in response to the number of people living on the streets, it was supported by Rick Sandberg, a Victoria Anglican Street Chaplain and by group of concerned Anglican parishioners.

Their achievements are extensive, the following are a portion …

1992 – opened Mitchell House for men

1997-opened Holly House for women

1997 – received charitable status from Rev. Canada

2012 – launched SAFE, supported independent living – Greater Victoria

2014 – Forest House bequest

2016 – Partnered with Oak Bay United, opens Threshold House, flagship home

2022 – $3.2 million gift from Carole & Clint Forster

One of the many aspects of Threshold Housing for youth is what they refer to as Wrap Around Supports; one of which is quoted from the website:

“helps to foster peer relationships and creates a sense of community for those within, and waiting to join Threshold. It provides opportunities for youth to be just that, youth. So many of our youth haven’t had the opportunity to learn, play, and develop the skills and relationships that this programming offers.”

For additional detail connect to the website thresholdhousingsociety.ca

*Submitted by: John Moloney*

