

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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.



Photo by Susanna Peterson

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 Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

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: Mary Kennedy, Barbara Jenks

Crucifer: Susanna Peterson

Sacristan: Ann Barry

Readers: Iris Elsdon, Ava Gregorian

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Kit Pearson

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Jessie Bosma,

Susan Fraser, Graeme Brown

Verger: Douwe Bosma

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: Esther-Ruth Teel, Organist

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 350)

ST. THOMAS



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| 1. Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice. | 3. O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought! |
| 2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify? | 4. God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers. |
| 5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name
henceforth for evermore. | |

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: Aaron Williams (1731-1776).

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.

Watchful God,
kindle a new flame in our complacent hearts
and take from our hands the burden of worthless things,
so that we may be ready to receive a greater gift:
The love of Jesus Christ, our Servant King.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

50:1-8, 23-24

GOD, the God of gods, has spoken; * GOD has called the earth from the rising of
the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals God's self in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before God there is a consuming
flame, and round about God a raging storm.

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of
God's people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

**Let the heavens declare the rightness of God's cause; * for God indeed
is judge.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always
before me.**

Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to
deliver you.

**Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me; * but to those
who keep in my way will I show the salvation 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 354)

NETTLETON



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| <p>1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.</p> | <p>2. Here I make faith's affirmation:
Thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.</p> |
| <p>3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.</p> | |

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: *A Repository of Sacred Music: Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

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.



1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
 from your rich and endless store -
 nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
 costly cross, grave's shattered door -
 gifted by you, we turn to you,
 offering up ourselves in praise;
 thankful song shall rise forever,
 gracious Donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
 toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 all at peace in health and freedom,
 races joined, the church made one.
 Now direct our daily labour,
 lest we strive for self alone.
 Born with talents, make us servants
 fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
 gain through powers your grace conferred,
 ours to use for home and kindred,
 and to spread the gospel word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing,
 as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
 serving you by loving all.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Father,
receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that in this eucharist
we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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!

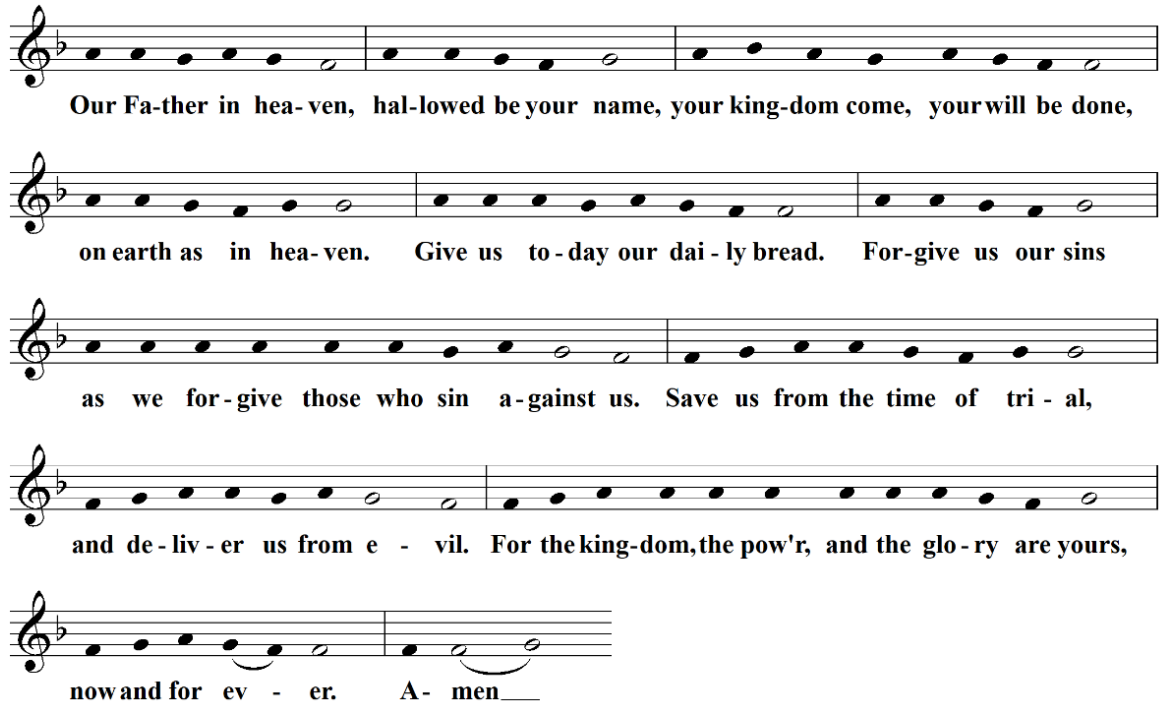
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.



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

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our 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 467)

SONG 34



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| 1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do. | 3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command
and offer all my works to thee. |
| 2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will. | 4. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day; |
| 5. for thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven. | |

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

Music: Melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Voluntary

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

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God for my wife Jean, from John Sylwester.



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 17th – The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 In this Song of the Vineyard, Israel and Judah are asked to pass judgment on themselves. The prophet implies that the failure of justice and righteousness will lead to disaster for the Lord's elect people.

Psalms 80:1, 2, 8-18 With the same vine image for Israel, God is called upon for help, preservation and life itself.

Hebrews 11:29—12:2 The people of God are encouraged to hold fast in their faith, recalling the strength of those who have gone before, especially Jesus, the 'pioneer and protector' of their faith.

Luke 12:49-56 Jesus describes the cost of discipleship in terms of divisions it may cause.

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
Jill & family
Sue G.
Dawson & family
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