

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

## *The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

## *August 24, 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.

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***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 14<sup>th</sup>) and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong – on hiatus until September 7<sup>th</sup>)** 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

Preacher: Gary Moss



# 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:** Karyn Lehmann, Christine Scott

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Sacristan:** Duane Lecky

**Readers:** Kate Newman, Al Lehmann

**Gospel:** Carol Anne Harper

**Sermon:** Gary Moss

**Intercessor:** Karen Coverett

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Lorraine Gates,

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**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 3)

BUNESSAN



1. **Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
2. **Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**
3. **Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!**

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## 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.*

God of the sabbath,  
this is the day and this is the hour  
when women long oppressed stand with dignity,  
and when your healing escapes our desire for control:  
May your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts  
and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds;  
through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful  
and the raiser of the dead.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,' says the Lord.

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

### *After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

71:1-6

In you, O GOD, have I taken refuge; \* let me never be ashamed.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \* incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \* you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \* from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**



For you are my hope, O GOD, \* my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb  
you have been my strength; \* my praise shall be always of you.**

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

## The Epistle

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

### *After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**





1. We cannot measure how you heal  
or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds  
where faith and doubt unite to care.  
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,  
survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life  
and cradle children yet unborn.
2. The pain that will not go away,  
the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds,  
are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends  
the hurt we never hope to find,  
the private agonies inside,  
the memories that haunt the mind.
3. So some have come who need your help  
and some have come to make amends,  
as hands which shaped and saved the world  
are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here  
to mend the body, mind, and soul,  
to disentangle peace from pain  
and make your broken people whole.

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## The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

### *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.**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the



leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*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.*





- 1) There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness of the sea;
- 2) For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sure of the mind;
- 3) There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;



There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice Which is more than li - ber - ty.  
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the head.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heaven:  
But we make God's love too nar - row By false li - mits of our own;  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this:

*Return to top for verses 2 and 3  
after short interludes.*



There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judge - ment given.  
And we mag - ni - fy God's strict - ness With a zeal God will not own.  
There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.



*Verse 4 continues directly:*

- 4) If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take God at his word;



And our lives would be all glad - ness, In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.  
Music: Maurice Bevan (1921-2006).

## 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

## 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 719)

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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-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

O God,  
we give you thanks  
that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need  
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,  
through 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.**





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| <p>1. Jesus Christ is waiting,<br/>Waiting in the streets;<br/>No one is his neighbour,<br/>All alone he eats.<br/>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br/>I am lonely too.<br/>Make me, friend or stranger,<br/>Fit to wait on you</p> | <p>3. Jesus Christ is healing,<br/>Healing in the streets;<br/>Curing those who suffer,<br/>Touching those he greets.<br/>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br/>I have pity too.<br/>Let my care be active,<br/>Healing just like you.</p>       |
| <p>2. Jesus Christ is raging,<br/>Raging in the streets,<br/>Where injustice spirals<br/>And real hope retreats.<br/>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br/>I am angry too.<br/>In the Kingdom's causes<br/>Let me rage with you.</p>  | <p>4. Jesus Christ is dancing,<br/>Dancing in the streets,<br/>Where each sign of hatred<br/>He, with love, defeats.<br/>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br/>I should triumph too.<br/>On suspicion's graveyard<br/>Let me dance with you.</p> |
5. Jesus Christ is calling,  
Calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
Let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

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Music: Graham Maule (1958- ).

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## 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 memory of H  l  ne,  
from Ruth Swinton, Daniel, Luc, Paul and Camryn Nadeau.



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### 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.

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### Readings for August 31<sup>st</sup> – The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Jeremiah 2:4-13** The prophet speaks to Israel, the covenant people, reminding them whose they are and of God's invitation to repentance.

**Psalms 81:1, 10-16** Israelites singing this psalm would be reminded that God wanted only the best for them.

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** Christian faith reaches fruition when the heart that believes opens itself generously to the needs of others.

**Luke 14:1, 7-14** At a dinner hosted by a Pharisee, Jesus instructs his host and fellow guests on true honour that only God can bestow.

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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  
Charles & Frances  
Justin  
Jan  
Anne  
Marie  
Margaret  
Jane  
Samantha  
Zoe  
Chris & Deb

Val & family  
Carin & David  
Nancy B.  
Moses  
Deb  
Laurel  
Gary  
Jill & family  
Sue G.  
Dawson & family  
Bob & Irene

Bill  
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Paul  
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