

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost *September 7, 2025*

Season of Creation

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 14th) and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** 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) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. 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 Dr. John Thatamanil

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Sacristan: Terry Needham

Readers: Kit Pearson, Michael Zenger

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: Gary Moss

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Gerry Melville, Iris Elsdon

Verger: David Pupak

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 428)

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. **God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.**

2. **God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by love refined.**

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Gathering

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

All: The Holy One's love is new every morning.

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.

Jealous God,
you call us to hate the life
that is an echo of death and a whisper of fear:
Give us the courage to pass through shadows
and count the cost of a love beyond measure;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is fully alive.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

139:1-5, 12-17

GOD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and
my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all
my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O GOD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my
mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvellously made; * your works are wonderful, and
I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and
woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written
in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none
of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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

Philemon 1-21

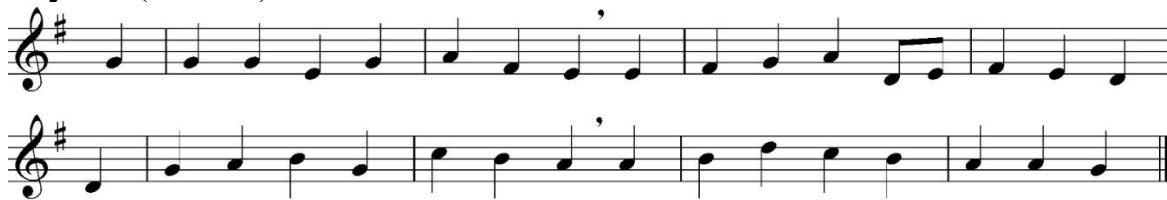
After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 431)

BRESLAU



1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Text: Charles William Everest (1814-1877).
Music: Melody Lochamer Liederbuch, 1450?, alt.

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

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,

All: who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, adapted by Keld B. Hansen, 2009, as provided in
“Listen to the Voice of Creation,” *Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2022*, 33.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always 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) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office.

Offertory Hymn (CP 529)

MICHAEL



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| <p>1. God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
Through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
you alone
call my heart to be your own.</p> <p>2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.</p> | <p>3. Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand,
love takes stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.</p> <p>4. God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.</p> |
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**5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call
one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.**

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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

Eucharistic Prayer 4,
Book of Alternative Services

<p><i>Priest:</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>  <p>And al-so with you.</p>	<p><i>Priest:</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Priest:</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>			
<p><i>All:</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>			

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

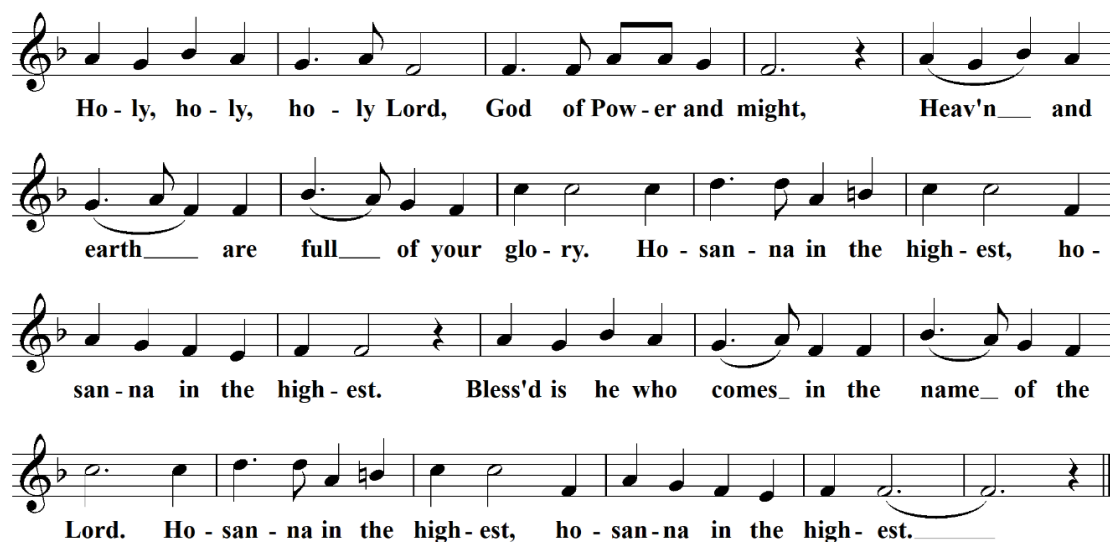
From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you,
and betray your trust; and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:



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Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
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."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.



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The Disciple's Prayer

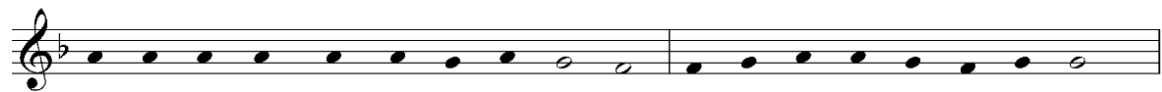
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All: All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

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

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

Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation.

All: Thanks be to God the Creator.



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| <p>1. Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.</p> | <p>2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.</p> |
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- 3. As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

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

Flowers

Given in loving and joyful memory of Joan, wife, partner, mother, friend,
from Bill, Alice and Peter Huzar.



BLUE ENVELOPE FOR SEPTEMBER: The Food Bank at St. John's

The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

Readings for September 14th – The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 21:4b-9 In this story, that which seemed most to be feared by the Hebrew people becomes the source of their healing.

Psalms 98:1-6 All creation is called to join a new song celebrating God's presence in all the earth.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 Paul teaches that God upset conventional values by revealing in Jesus God's power and wisdom.

John 3:13-17 Christ came not to condemn; but Christians do so regularly—a propensity we must reject.

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
Moses
Jane
Zoe
Andrew
John & Pat

Val & family
Carin & David
Nancy B.
Louise
Jill & family
Dawson, Bennett & family
Clara
Susan

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