

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

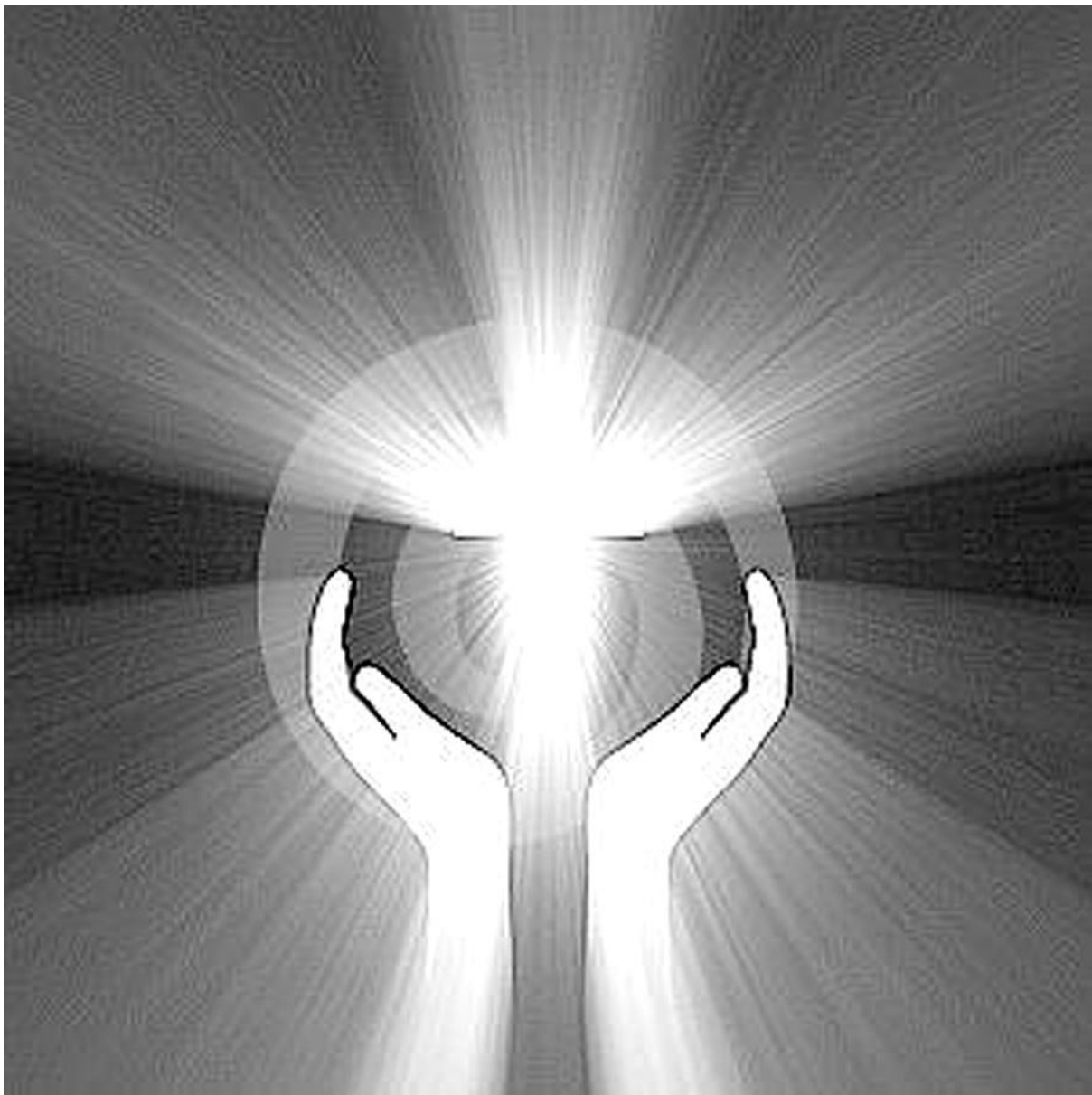
Holy Cross Day *September 14, 2025*

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 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 Pam Worthington

Greeters: Bill Huzar, Bill Williamson

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

Readers: Virginia Miller, Gary Moss

Gospel: Carol Anne Harper

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: Marilyn Mincey

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Baal,

Lorraine Gates, Gerry Melville

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Kim Bartczak, piano

Char Hodgins, Conductor

Setting: Mass for Four Voices – William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

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 602)

CRUCIFER

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim til all the world a- dore his sa-cred name!

Verses

Refrain

1. **Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!**
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

2. **Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:**
teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

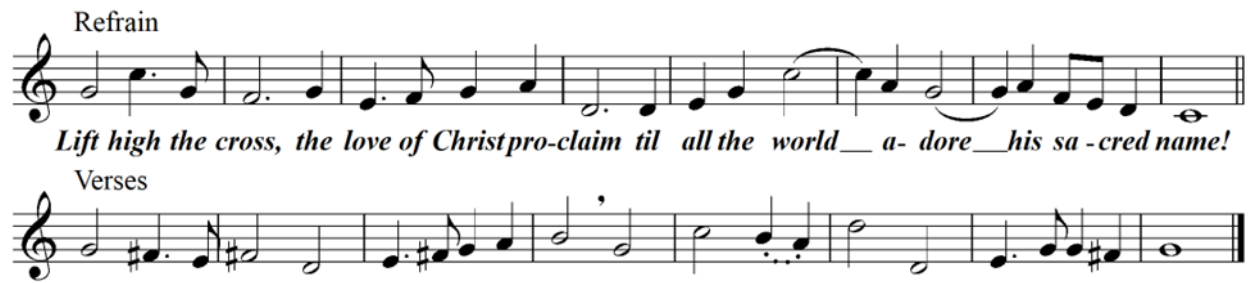
3. **Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:**
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Refrain

4. **Great is the cost of walking on this road,**
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Refrain

please turn page for v. 4



**5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.**

Refrain

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Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

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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 (*sung by the choir*)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and peace to his people on earth.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>almighty God and Father,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>we praise you for your glory.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us;</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer;</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>you who are seated at the right hand of the</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>Father: have mercy on us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>
Tu solus Altissimus,	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
Iesu Christe.	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sing to GOD a new song, * for GOD has done marvellous things.
 With their right hand and holy arm * have they won the victory.
 GOD has made known their victory; * their righteousness they have openly shown
 in the sight of the nations.
 GOD remembers their mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the
 ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
 Shout with joy to GOD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 Sing to GOD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

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. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 537)

CROSS OF JESUS



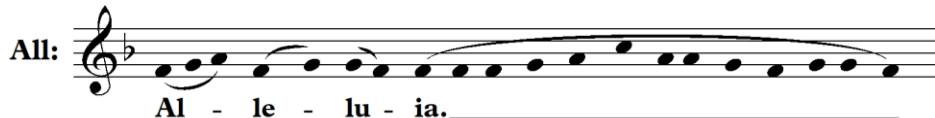
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| <p>1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
 towering o'er the wrecks of time;
 all the light of sacred story
 gathers round its head sublime.</p> | <p>3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
 light and love upon my way,
 from the cross the radiance streaming
 adds more lustre to the day.</p> |
| <p>2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
 hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
 never shall the cross forsake me:
 lo, it glows with peace and joy.</p> | <p>4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
 by the cross are sanctified;
 peace is there that knows no measure,
 joys that through all time abide.</p> |
| <p>5. In the cross of Christ I glory,
 towering o'er the wrecks of time;
 all the light of sacred story
 gathers round its head sublime.</p> | |

Text: John Bowring (1792-1872).
 Music: John Stainer (1840-1901).

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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Hymn at the Presentation (SNC 92)

TEAGUE



**In sacred manner may we walk
upon the fair and loving earth
in beauty move, in beauty love
the living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground.
We stand on holy ground.**

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

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

Eucharistic Prayer 4,
Book of Alternative Services

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.

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:

Sanctus (Sung by the choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

Amen.

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

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.

Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

Benedictus *(sung by the choir)*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Motet *(sung by the choir)*

Adoramus te, Christe
et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per tuam sanctam crucem
redemisti mundum.
Domine, miserere nobis.

*We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee,
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.
O Lord, who suffered for us,
have mercy on us.*

Music: Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

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

Almighty God,
we give thanks that you have made us partakers
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who took our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God the Creator.

Recessional Hymn (CP 386)

ROCKINGHAM



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| 1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride. | 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. |

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

Music: Melody – Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780?.

Voluntary

Parts of today's service were taken from Season of Creation
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Please join us for the Welcome Back Lunch in the garden.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalms 110, 150; Isaiah 63:1-16; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Officiant: Gary Moss

Music: A Quartet of Singers

Responses: Katherine Burk-Webb; Canticles: June Nixon

Anthem: Nos autem Gloriari - Palestrina

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our father, James Alexander Smith, who on September 11th would have been 100 years old, from his children, Joy and Malcolm Smith.



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 21st – The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 The prophet is desolate. He sees no hope for the salvation of his people.

Psalms 79:1-9 God is implored for merciful response.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 The church is urged to pray for all people, including those who are not believers.

Luke 16:1-13 Jesus' parable comments on the responsible use of possessions.

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 & family

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

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