

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine  
*The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost* *September 28, 2025*  
Season of Creation  
*Observation of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

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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Artist: Andy Everson, K'ómoks First Nation in B.C.

***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](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) 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

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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

# 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:** Louise Langman, David Buckman

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Sacristan:** Penny Holt

**Readers:** Erin Kelly, Karen Coverett

**Gospel:** Lorraine Gates

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Intercessor:** Jamie Lawson

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Baal,

Graeme Brown, Lorraine Gates

**Verger:** David Pupak

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Char Hodgins, Assistant Director

**Setting:** Becky McGlade (b. 1974), Missa Brevis

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## The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn

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1. **This path we walk, through joy and tears,  
a living Way of faith and fears,  
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,  
when walked in love, we'll rise again.**
2. **When life is shared, together, free  
we'll grow to be all we can be:  
a circle wide will call us home,  
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.**
3. **These gifts we bring, this light we hold,  
our songs of grace, our stories told,  
remain un-done, told just in part,  
till shared in love, and known by heart.**
4. **When life is shared, together bound,  
God's richest gifts, together found;  
together walk the Spirit's Way  
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.**

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5. This life we share, a blessing deep;  
a promised gift, now ours to keep.  
God grant our words were spoken true,  
now clothed in life, each day anew.

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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.*

God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets,  
your covenant binds us together as siblings:  
Help us to overcome the scandal of poverty  
and the chasm of indifference,  
so that we may recognize you in the wounded poor;  
through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges.

**All: Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## A Collect

*(from Indigenous Ministries, written to accompany the Covenant of 1994)*

Creator God,  
from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.  
You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,  
and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love,  
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.  
Mercifully grant that your people,  
journeying together in partnership,  
may be strengthened and guided  
to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ,  
who is our light and our life.

**All: Amen.**

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# The Proclamation of the Word

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

## The First Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm (*sung by choir*)

91:1-6, 14-16

They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, \* abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

They shall say to GOD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, \* my God in whom I put my trust."

GOD shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \* and from the deadly pestilence.

GOD shall cover you with their pinions, and you shall find refuge under their wings; \* their faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \* nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \* nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

Because one is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver them; \* I will protect them, because they know my Name.

They shall call upon me, and I will answer them; \* I am with them in trouble; I will rescue them and bring them to honor.

With long life will I satisfy them, \* and show them my salvation.

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 Timothy 6:6-19

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



1. What does the Lord require  
for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire,  
or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

2. Rulers of earth, give ear!  
Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear,  
while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

3. All who gain wealth by trade,  
for whom the worker toils,  
think not to win God's aid,  
if greed your commerce soils.  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

4. How shall our life fulfill  
God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will  
with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy,  
we'll humbly walk with God.

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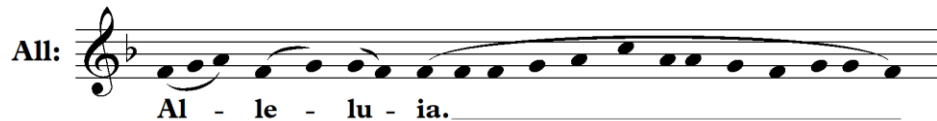
## The Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

*Before the Gospel:*



*Cantor:* You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9



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.*

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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) 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 Anthem

Beati quorum via integra est,  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 119  
Music: Howard Skempton (b. 1947)

## 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,  
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,  
now and for ever.

**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.*

*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.

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:* Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

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:* Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

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:* Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

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:* Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

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.*

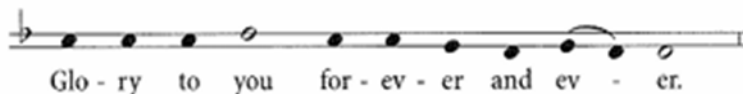
Benedictus qui venit  
 in nomine Domini.  
 Osanna in excelsis.

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

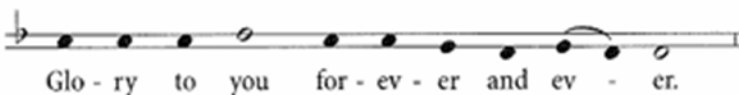
In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;  
 he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
 This is my blood of the new covenant,  
 which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*All:*

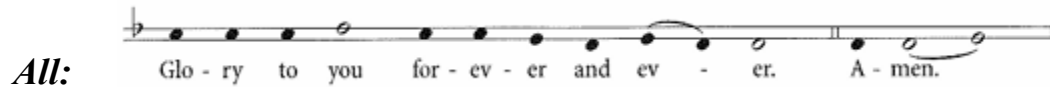


Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,  
 and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.  
 We who have been redeemed by him,  
 and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.  
 Send 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:*

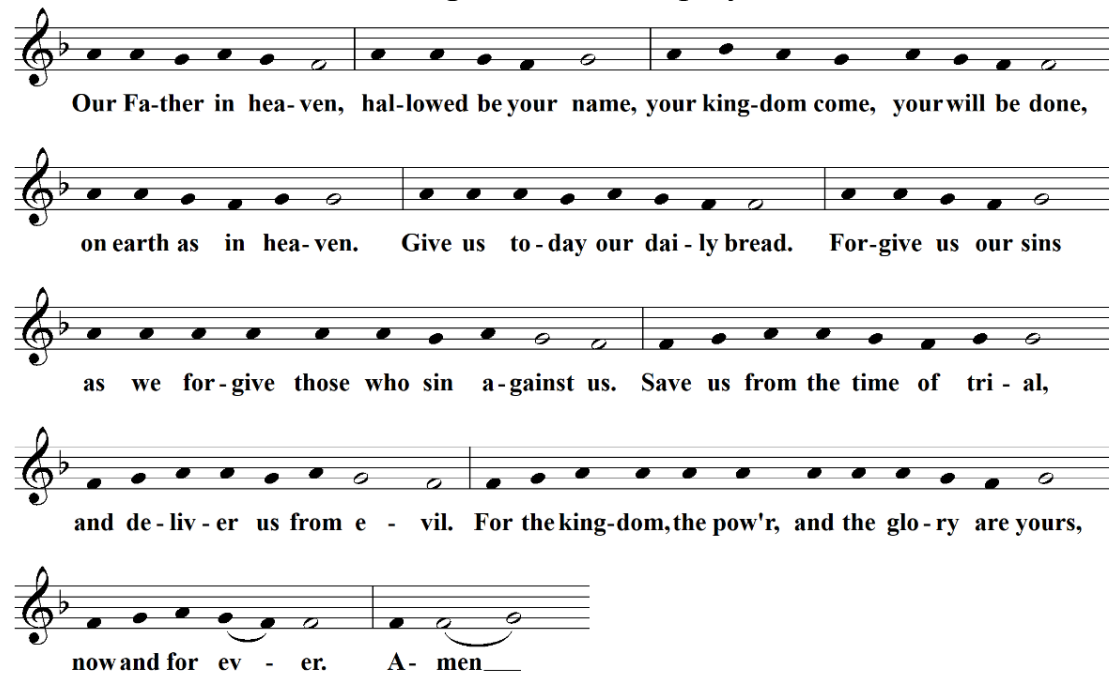


Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth  
and make it your new creation.  
Gather your Church together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
where peace and justice are revealed,  
that we, with all your people,  
of every language, race, and nation,  
may share the banquet you have promised;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



## The Disciple's Prayer

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



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## 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.*

*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

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

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

**All: Thanks be to God the Creator.**



**1. King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.**

**2. Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried  
thou didst clear me;  
and along, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.**

**3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
even eternity's too short  
to extol thee.**

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633).  
Music: Joseph David Jones (1827-1870).

## Voluntary

Parts of today's service were taken from Season of Creation  
*A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes (TEC) Perennial Edition 2025*

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

## **Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm**

Readings: Psalms 134, 135; Nehemiah 2; John 8:31-38, 48-59

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Members of the Choristers of St. John the Divine

Responses

Canticles

Anthem

## Flowers

To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the happy memories  
of our beloved Susan, from Barbara and Timothy Jenks.



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### **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.

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### **Readings for October 5<sup>th</sup> – The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lamentations 1:1-6** Images of the desolation of Jerusalem after its destruction can express our own pain from community disasters.

#### **Psalm 137**

**2 Timothy 1:1-14** Greeting, thanksgiving for faithfulness and exhortation to courage and endurance are addressed to Timothy, a third generation Christian.

**Luke 17:5-10** Jesus reminds his disciples both of faith's capacity against tremendous odds and of our own inadequacy before God.

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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  
Moses  
Jane  
Zoe  
Andrew  
John & family  
Claire

Val & family  
Carin & David  
Nancy B.  
Louise  
Jill & family  
Dawson, Bennett & family  
Clara  
John & Pat  
Jacob  
John & Jeanne K-B.

Bill & family  
Paul C-S.  
Mallory  
Susan  
Samantha  
Robyn  
Mike  
Elspeth & family  
Maureen

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