# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

## St. Francis of Assisi

October 5, 2025

#### Stewardship

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.

# Stewardship is... Stewardship is... Stewardship is... Time generosity Stewardship SHARING SHARING

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 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: Christine Scott, Marilyn Moody

**Crucifer:** Gary Moss **Sacristan:** Penny Holt

Readers: Jessie Bosma, Judith Branion

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Reverend Gail Rodger

**Intercessor:** Lorraine Gates

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Graeme Brown,

Patrick Samuel, Susan Fraser

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Community Choir

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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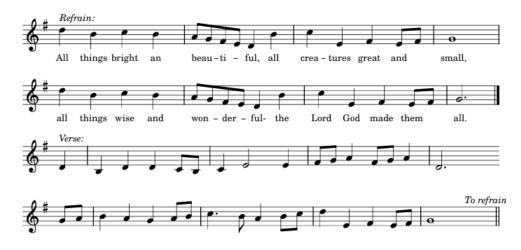
#### The Gathering of the Community

#### Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

#### Announcements

#### Processional Hymn (CP 416)

ROYAL OAK



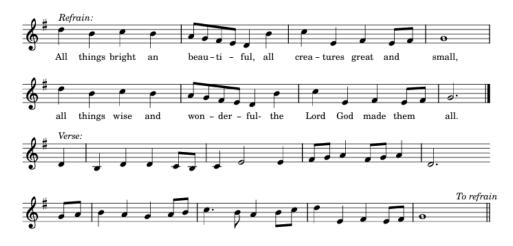
#### Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

- 1. Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings, God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings.

  \*Refrain\*
- 2. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one. *Refrain*

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#### Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

- 3. The rocky mountain splendour, the loon's wild, haunting call, the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall.

  \*Refrain\*
- 4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is the Creator, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889). :

#### 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.

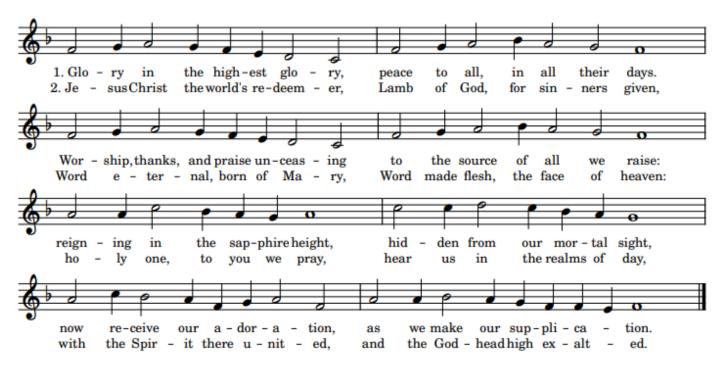
All: And also with you.

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



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# The Collect of the Day *Silence is kept.*

Grant us, Almighty God, after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### 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

Job 39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place?

It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib?

Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you?

Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it?

Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding.

When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

#### After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148:7-14



Praise GOD from the earth, \* you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, \* tempestuous wind, doing GOD's will; R

Mountains and all hills, \* fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, \* creeping things and wingèd birds; R

Rulers of the earth and all peoples, \* governors and all judges of the world;

People of all genders, \* old and young together. R

Let them praise the Name of GOD, \* for GOD's Name only is exalted, GOD's splendour is over earth and heaven.

GOD has raised up strength for their people and praise for all their loyal servants, \* the children of Israel, a people who are near GOD. Hallelujah! R

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 Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual Hymn (USA 593)

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- 1. Lord, make us servants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.
- 2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
- 3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.
- 4. May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.
- 5. Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day; Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

Text: James Quinn (1919-2010), based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Fr. (1923-1979).

The Gospel *Before the Gospel:* 

Matthew 11:25-30



Cantor: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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



- 1. 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.
- 2. In sacred manner may we see the luminous and loving stars, with wonder and with awe behold their ever new creative pow'rs. The heavens show us God. The heavens show us God.

- 3. In sacred manner may we touch the suspirant and loving green. Give honour and give gratitude for shade, for bloom, for gift unseen. The trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.
- 4. In sacred manner may we hear the pounding waves, the scaring fire, the rushing wind, the singing night, the forest hymn, the loving choir. The morning stars shall sing. The morning stars shall sing.
- 5. In sacred manner may we live among the wise and loving ones, sit humbly, as at sages' feet, by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones. The animals will teach.

  The animals will teach.
- 6. 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

Loving God, join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son, that our service may be stamped with his humility and bear the image of his obedience, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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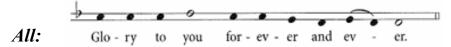
As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

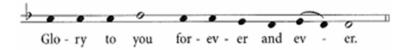
Eucharistic Prayer 4, Book of Alternative Services



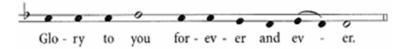
It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.



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.



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.



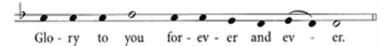
But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return.

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.



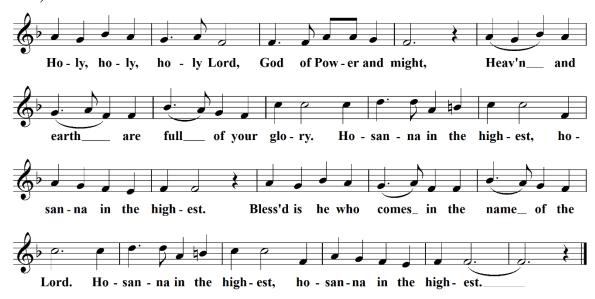
Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All:

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#### Sanctus (CP 732)



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

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.

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

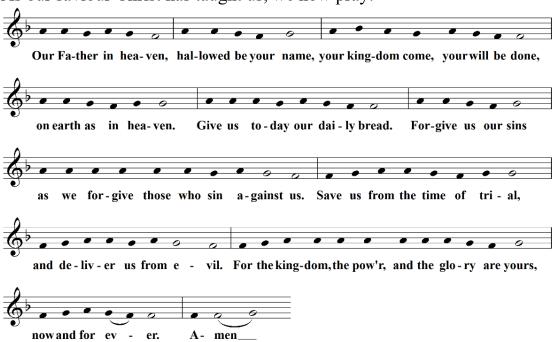
Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through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

all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

#### All: Glo

#### 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.

#### Anthem (sung by the choir)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Come, come, come unto me.

Text: Matthew 11:28-29 Music: Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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 all goodness, who gave to your servant Francis a will to be the servant of all, grant us in our service of your gospel to hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives into the habitations of light and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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#### Blessing

#### Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God the Creator.



- 1. Let all things now living
  a song of thanksgiving
  to God the creator triumphantly raise,
  who fashioned and made us
  protected and stayed us,
  who still guides us on to the end of our days.
  Love's banners are o'er us,
  God's light goes before us,
  a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
  till shadows have vanished
  and darkness is banished,
  as forward we travel from light into Light.
- 2. God's law still enforces
  the stars in their courses
  and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
  the hills and the mountains,
  the rivers and fountains,
  the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
  We too should be voicing
  our love and rejoicing;
  with glad adoration a song let us raise
  till all things now living
  unite in thanksgiving:
  "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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Voluntary Finale Jubilate

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

# Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 33:1-9; Hosea 11:1-9; Matthew 8:18-27 Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Responses: Joanna Forbes l'Estrange

Canticles: Stanford in C

Anthem: I lift up my eyes – Margaret Burk

#### **Flowers**

With thanksgiving for the love and care from family, friends and the beautiful creation that surrounds us, from Margaret Walker.



#### BLUE ENVELOPE FOR OCTOBER: Out of the Rain

The Out of the Rain Youth Night Shelter is a community project, providing shelter to homeless youth during the coldest months of the year. A coalition of community agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers work together to provide space, professional support, and food for the shelter.

# Readings for October 12<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving

Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

#### 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
Louise
Zoe
John & family
Claire

Val & family
Carin & David
Nancy B.
Susan
Andrew
John & Pat
Maureen
Judy

Bill & family
Paul C-S.
Mallory
Jane
Eliott
Elspeth & family
Mike

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