

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

Harvest Thanksgiving

Stewardship

October 12, 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.



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: Barbara Jenks, Susan Fraser

Crucifer: Heather Lee

Sacristan: Gary Moss

Readers: Ava Gregorian, Brendan Feary

Gospel: Jim Harlick

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Sarah Kell

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Jessie Bosma,

Patrick Samuel, Lorraine Gates

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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 262)

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR



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| <p>1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!</p> <p>2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> | <p>3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.</p> <p>4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.</p> |
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Text: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

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.

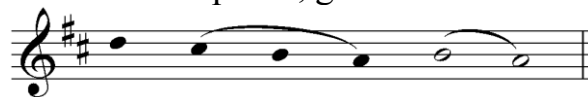
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria



Cantor: Glo - ry be to God on high

Choir: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



All: We praise you

Choir: We bless you.



All: We wor - ship you.

Choir: We glorify you.



All: We give thanks to you for your great glo - ry.

Choir: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.




All: O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ.


Choir: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.




All: You take a way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

All: You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,




Choir: For you only are holy.


All: You on - ly are the Lord.

Choir: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.

All: A - - - men.


Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Creator of the fruitful earth,
 you made us stewards of all things.
 Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
 and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
 that the whole human family,
 today and in generations to come,
 may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Stewardship Prayer

All: Our Church is made up of people like us,
 We make it what is.
 It will be filled with inspiring worship,
 if we are there and ready to meet with you, Lord.
 It will be a community where disciples are made,
 if we are willing to grow in love for you and our neighbours.
 It will bring about a transformation of the community,
 if our vision is a growing church,
 that makes a real difference to people's lives.
 Therefore with your help,
 let us dedicate ourselves to the task
 of being all the things you want us to be.
 Amen.

The Diocese of Coventry

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 100

Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

The Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 259)

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1. For the fruit of all creation,
 thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation,
 thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
 thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

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Music: Melody Welsh trad.

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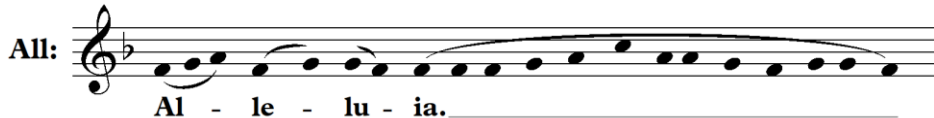
The Gospel

John 6:25-35

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Psalm 126:6



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

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.

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

Xa'xa Kukpi	<i>Highest Chief</i>
Kukw'stum multh kow.	<i>Thank you immensely (for everything you have provided)</i>
Xa'xa Kukpi	<i>Highest Chief</i>
Plee she doo multh kow.	<i>Continue to bless us.</i>
Xa'xa Kukpi	<i>Highest Chief</i>
Oolooshen doo multh kow.	<i>Gather us all together (in unity).</i>

Text: Prayer Song, Russell Wallace (b. 1965)

Hymn at the Presentation

FRANCONIA



**We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

Text: William Walsham How (1823-1897).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life,
the heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Prayer #1, The Book of Alternative Services

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 indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
 for you created all things.
 You formed us in your own image:
 In the wonderful diversity of gender you created us.
 When we turned away from you in sin,
 you did not cease to care for us,
 but opened a path of salvation for all people.
 You made a covenant with Israel,
 and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
 gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
 Through Moses you led your people
 from bondage into freedom;
 through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
 Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
 who have served you in every age,
 we give thanks and raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, 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."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,

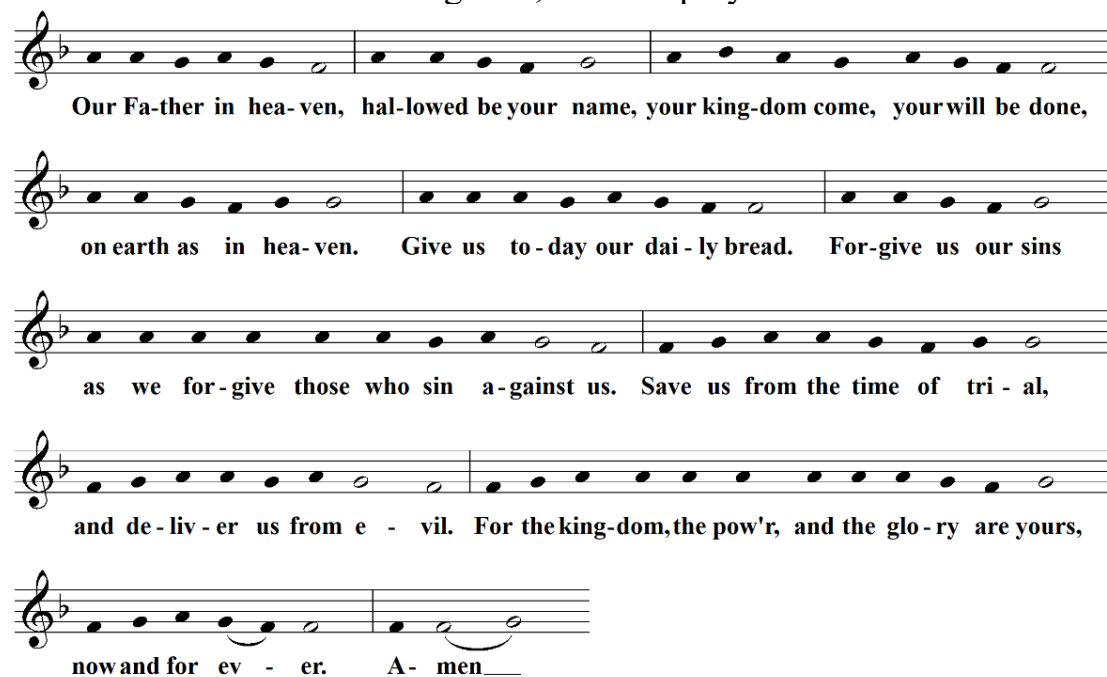
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these gifts,
 that all who eat and drink at this table
 may be one body and one holy people,
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory is yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever.



The Disciple's Prayer

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



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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.

Motet during Communion

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden,
und preiset ihn, alle Völker!
Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit
waltet über uns in Ewigkeit.
Alleluia!

*Praise the Lord, all the heathens
And celebrate him, all the peoples!
For his grace and truth
Reign over us for ever.
Alleluia!*

Text: Psalm 117, v 1-2.
Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

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 our hope,
in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries
may we, with our lives,
give you continual thanks and praise.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 399)

NUN DANKET



1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinckart (1596-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

Voluntary Nan Danket alle Gott, Op. 65 No. 13

Siegfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 148:1-6; Deuteronomy 27:1-14; 2 Corinthians 9

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: A Quartet of Singers

Responses: Katherine Burk Webb

Canticles: Healy Willan, 4th Fauxbourdons

Anthem: A Grateful Heart – Mary Plumstead

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God,
in thanksgiving for our 20th Wedding Anniversary (Oct. 8),
from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.

In memory of my wife, Jean, and brother Jim, from John Sylwester.



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 19th – The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Responding to despair with hope, Jeremiah prophesies that God will help God's people keep the covenant previous generations had broken.

Psalms 119:97-104 The poet uses creativity to express in many variations the ways in which it is a delight to respond to God's call to love.

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Timothy is urged to persevere in the gospel he has received.

Luke 18:1-8 Jesus shocks people by comparing God to a self-absorbed judge. Yet if a poverty-stricken woman can get justice by complaining loudly and frustrating the judge, then how much more will the real God respond with overwhelming generosity to our prayers.

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
Christopher

Val & family
Carin & David
Nancy B.
Susan
Andrew
John & Pat
Maureen
Don & Donna
Paula

Bill & family
Paul C-S.
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Jane
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Elspeth & family
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Happy Thanksgiving



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