

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

October 19, 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...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"

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: Karyn Lehmann, Bill Williamson

Crucifer: Susanna Peterson

Sacristan: Judith Branion

Readers: Al Lehmann, Ava Gregorian

Gospel: Carol Anne Harper

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: David Buckman

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Miller

Nancy Baal, Gary Moss

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director

Setting: Chiara Margarita Cozzolani, Messa a 4

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 455)

REPTON



1. Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
**Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee!
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

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

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 the dispossessed,
you teach us to hunger for justice
even when the weak are shut out
and the powerful turn over in their beds:
In the heat of our anger
and the bitterness of our complaints,
give us courage to protest,
the persistence to pray and the heart to love;
through Jesus Christ, the true judge.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Stewardship Prayer

Our Church is made up of people like us,
All: 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

Jeremiah 31:27-34

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always
with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.
 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.
 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.
 How sweet are your words to my taste! * They are sweeter than honey to
 my mouth.
 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every
 lying way.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation 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

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (SPr 265)

CLOTH FAIR



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| <p>1. Christ be the Lord of all our days,
 the swiftly passing years;
 Lord of our unremembered birth,
 heirs to the brightness of the earth;
 Lord of our griefs and fears.</p> | <p>3. Christ be the goal of all our hopes,
 the end to whom we come;
 guide of each pilgrim Christian soul
 which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,
 our many-mansioned home.</p> |
| <p>2. Christ be the source of all our deeds,
 the life our living shares;
 the fount which flows from worlds above
 to never-failing springs of love;
 the ground of all our prayers.</p> | <p>4. Christ be the vision of our lives,
 of all we think and are;
 to shine upon our spirits' sight
 as light of everlasting light,
 the bright and morning star.</p> |

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
 Music: John Scott (1956-2015)
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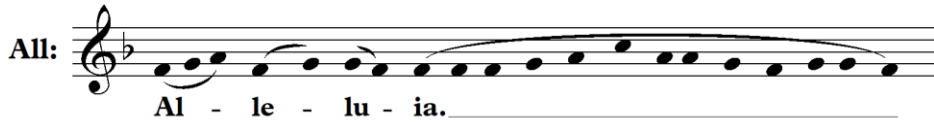
The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: The word of God is living and active; it sifts the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12



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

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

O, sing unto the Lord
Unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord
All the whole earth

Sing unto the Lord and praise His name
Be telling of His salvation from day to day

O, sing unto the Lord
Unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord
All the whole earth

For he cometh to judge the earth
And with righteousness to judge the world and the people with his truth

O, sing unto the Lord
Unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord
All the whole earth

Text and Music: James MacMillan (b.1959)

Hymn at the Presentation (VU 543)

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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
Our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
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

Prayer #1, The 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 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 and Benedictus (*Sung by the choir*)

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
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 is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

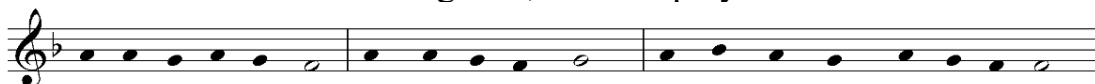
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory is yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever.



All: A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Disciple's Prayer

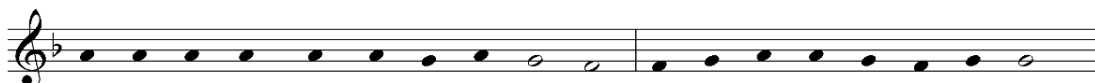
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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

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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.

Agnus Dei

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

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

Motet during Communion

O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity and patience,
in all our adversities, sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Henry Loosemore (c.1607-1670)

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

O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 348)

LEONI



1. **The living God be praised!
 Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same;
 the one eternal God
 ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought God's timeless years!**
2. **Without a form is God,
 nor can we comprehend
the measure of God's love for us without an end.
 For God is Lord of all,
 creation speaks God's praise;
the human race and all that lives God's will obeys.**
3. **God's Spirit floweth free,
 high surging where it will;
in prophet's word God spoke of old and speaketh still.
 Established is God's law
 and changeless it shall stand,
incirbed upon the human heart in every land.**
4. **Eternal life hath God
 implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
 The living one be praised!
 Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be , for aye the same.**

Text: The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah (1400?); tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton Mann (1836-1926), alt.
Music: Melody Yigdal trad.; trsc. Meier Leon (1751-1797) and Thomas Olivers (1725-1799).

Voluntary Toccata

Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

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

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 149; Nehemiah 8:9-18; John 16:1-11

Officiant: Ruth MacIntosh

Music: A Quartet of Singers

Responses: Philip FitzHugh Radcliffe

Canticles: Adrian Batten

Anthem: Verleih uns – Felix Mendelssohn

Flowers

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,
with thanksgiving for their love and guidance, from Andrew and Lorraine Gates.



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 26th – The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32 The prophet Joel speaks of a coming time of prosperity and great outpouring of God's spirit.

Psalms 65 God of our salvation is praised and with memorable images from nature.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 In a mood of sombre but confident farewell, we are given a faithful example of confronting death, measuring life, and facing the future.

Luke 18:9-14 God alone restores us to right relationship with ourselves, with others, and with God.

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
Kate
Miranda

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

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

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