

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost *October 26, 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.



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 in 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 Christine Conkin

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold print**.*

Presider: The Reverend Christine Conkin

Greeters: Mary Kennedy, Erin Kelly

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Ann Barry

Readers: Joel Durkovic, Carol-Ann Zenger

Gospel: Gary Moss

Sermon: The Reverend Christine Conkin

Intercessor: Jaqueline Gillespie

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,

Iris Elsdon, Susan Fraser

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: Sumsion in F

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The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (NEH 477)

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a cornerstone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.
2. Living stones, by God appointed
each to your allotted place,
Sovereigns, priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare God's grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.
3. Tell the praise of God who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Text: C.A. Alington (1872-1955). Music: C. Hubert H. 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 *(sung by the choir)*

Glory to be God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

O God of salvation,
we come to you in joy,
for you have heard the prayers of the poor
and raised up the lowly.
Pour out your Spirit on young and old alike
so that our dreams and visions may bring
justice and peace to the world.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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

Joel 2:23-32

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * to you shall vows be performed
in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river
of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften
the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be
clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves
with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

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 4:6-8, 16-18

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 503)

DUKE STREET



1. **Fight the good fight with all my might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

2. **Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek his face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.**
3. **Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**
4. **Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875).
Music: William Boyd (1847-1928).
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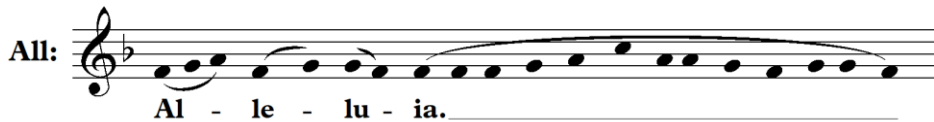
The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:19



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

I sat down under his shadow with great delight,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Text and Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946).

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*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh 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 (sung by the choir)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of his gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Blessing

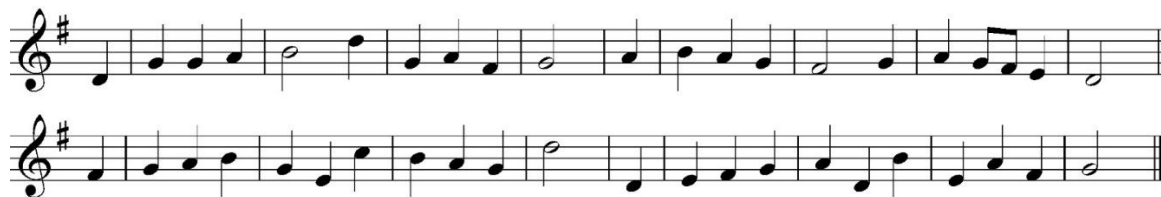
Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 380)

HANOVER



1. O worship our God, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is Their path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Text: Robert Grant (1779-1838).

Music: Melody and bass – William Croft (1678-1727).

Voluntary

Please join us in the parish hall for soup, bun, dessert and fellowship.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 119:1-8; Ecclesiastes 11 and 12; Matthew 22:34-end

Officiant: Gary Moss

Preacher: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Small Ensemble of Singers

Responses: Thomas Tallis / Matthew Larkin

Canticles: Thomas Morley - Fauxbourdons

Anthem: If ye love me – Thomas Tallis

Flowers

To the Glory of God and with gratitude for the members of our community who give so generously of their time, energy and care. With special thanks today for Graeme Brown, and his dedication and selfless service to our parish.



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 November 2nd – All Saints'

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31



Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls') – Next Sunday, November 2nd.

The names of the faithful departed will be read aloud at this service, while candles are lit in their memory.

If you wish to have someone remembered, please submit their name by email to Carol-Ann in the office (admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) by Friday, November 1st.

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
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Elspeth & family
Mike
Judy
Deb

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