

The Church of St. John the Divine

The First Eucharist of Christmas 10:00 pm, December 24, 2025

St. John's acknowledges these lands of the Lekwungen people.



Schongauer, Martin, active 15th century. Adoration of the Shepherds, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56751> [retrieved December 23, 2024]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Martin_Schongauer_-_Nativity_-_WGA21041.jpg.

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.

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.

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.

Sunday Services are at **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist), 4:30 pm (BCP Evensong - returning on January 4, 2026)** 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

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.



A note about language

In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realizing that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: Instead, we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.

*Please take time to visit the Christmas crèche scene.
Our thanks to Sara Chu and Claire Munn for the crèche.*

10:00 pm First Eucharist of Christmas

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Bill Williamson, Mary Kennedy

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Penny Holt

Readers: Ava Gregorian, Brendan Feary

Gospel: The Reverend Pam Worthington

Intercessor: Jaqueline Gillespie

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

Iris Elsdon, Nancy Baal

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Christi Meyers, Violin

Kirsty Money, Violin

Alasdair Money, Cello

Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Setting: Missa Brevis S. Joannis de Deo –

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome

Please stand and turn to face the creche.

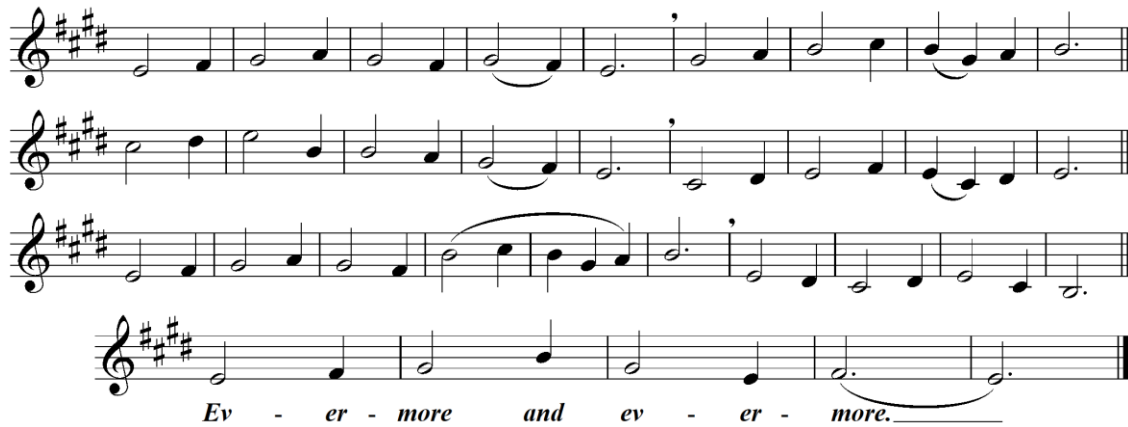
Blessing of the Creche

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ,
let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son,
born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father, on this night your Son Jesus Christ
was born of the Virgin Mary for healing and salvation;
bless this crib which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be strengthened in faith,
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring;
who is alive and reigns for ever.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Times and Seasons



1. Of eternal Love begotten,
 Ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega,
 he the source, the ending he,
 of the things that are, that have been,
 and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.
2. At his word the worlds were framèd;
 He commanded; it was done:
 Heav'n and earth and depths of ocean
 In their threefold order one;
 All that grows beneath the shining
 Of the moon and burning sun,
Evermore and evermore.
3. O that Birth for ever blessed!
 When the Maiden, full of grace,
 By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
 Bore the Saviour of our race;
 And the Babe, the world's Redeemer
 First reveal'd his sacred Face,
Evermore and evermore.
4. This is he, whom seers in old time
 Chanted of with one accord;
 Whom the voices of the Prophets
 Promised in their faithful word;
 Now he shines, the long-expected;
 Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.

5. Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.

6. O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;
Angel hosts his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King:
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413); Tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866),
Sir H. W. Baker (1821-1877), and R. F. Davis (1866-1937).
Music: Plainsong, 12th century, adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582.
Descant: D. Stratkauskas.

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God our Creator,
today the Saviour is born
and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.
Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,
to live in the light of your Son
and to share the good news of your love.

**All: We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who has come into the world.
Amen.**

From Common Worship: Times and Seasons, The Church of England, Amended

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 for Christmas

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,

together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm (*sung by the choir*)

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Sing to GOD a new song, * for GOD has done marvelous things.
With their right hand and holy arm * have they won the victory.
GOD has made known their victory; * their righteousness they have openly shown
in the sight of the nations.
GOD remembers their mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the
ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to GOD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to GOD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the Ruler, GOD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell
therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before GOD,
when GOD comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall GOD judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

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

Hebrews 1:1-4

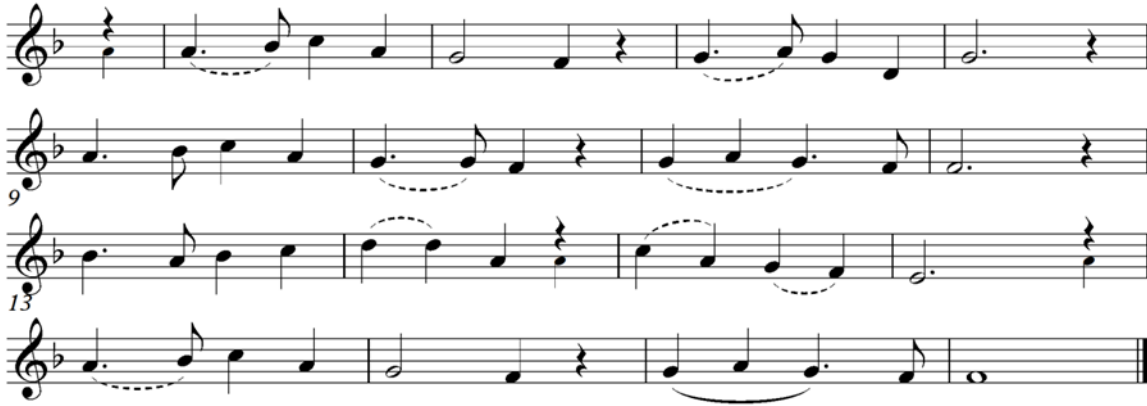
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the
prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed
heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of
God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things
by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the
right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as
the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

CRANHAM



- 1. In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**
- 2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.**
- 3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.**
- 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.**

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934) © *Oxford University Press*.

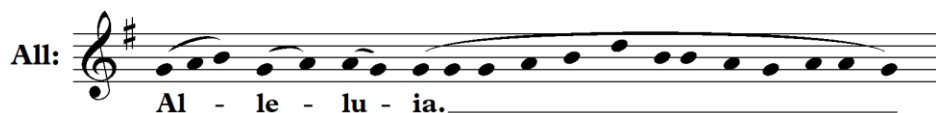
The Gospel

Before the Gospel

John 1:1-14



Choir : The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.



God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Please stand, as able; the choir sings the ancient words of the Nicene Creed.

Affirmation of Faith

Credo in unum Deum. Patrem omnipotentem,
factorem caeli et terrae,
visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei
unigenitum, Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum
de Deo vero Genitum, non factum,
consubstantialem Patri
per quem omnia facta sunt.
Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem
descendit de caelis:

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto
ex Maria Virgine Et homo factus est:
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato:
passus, et sepultus est.

Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum scripturas.
Et ascendit in caelum:
sedet ad dexteram Patris.
Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare
vivos et mortuos: Cujus regni non erit finis.
Et in Spiritum sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem:
Qui ex Patre, Filioque procedit. Qui cum
Patre, et Filio simul adoratur,
et conglorificatur: Qui locutus est per Prophetas.
Et unam, sanctam, catholicam
et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor
unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum
Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum
Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

*We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only
Son of God, eternally Begotten of the Father,
God from God, light from light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from Mary and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church. We acknowledge
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Please stand, sit or kneel.

Prayers of the People

Please stand.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

There is no rose of such virtue
as is the rose that bore Jesu.

Alleluia.

For in one little space this rose
Could all of heaven and earth enclose.

O great wonder.

By that rose we may well see
Our only God in persons three

Now appear.

Angels sang to shepherds so:

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Rejoicing well.

Let us leave this worldly mirth,

Remembering this joyful birth.

May we excel.

Alleluia, O great wonder, now appear.

Rejoicing Well, may we excel.

Text: Anon. 15th century, adapt. Alison Golding

Music: Howard Skempton (b. 1947)

Please stand.

Hymn at the Presentation

GREENSLEEVES



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise
The Babe, the son of Mary.

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2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's son is here,
His love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
The Babe, the son of Mary.
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
All tongues and peoples own him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let every heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise your song on high
While Mary sings a lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the son of Mary.

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).

Music: Melody – English trad.; arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871, alt.

Please remain standing.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of light and gladness,
accept all we offer on this joyful feast.
May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;
for he is Lord now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Great Thanksgiving

Scottish Liturgy-1982-revision 2022-Prayer III Incarnation

<i>Priest:</i>	<i>All:</i>	<i>Priest:</i>	<i>All:</i>
<p>The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p>			
<i>Priest:</i>	<i>All:</i>		
<p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>			

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Jesus Christ, your Word became flesh,
and was born of Mary.
He emptied himself, taking our human form,
that through his incarnation and passion
we might come to share in his divine nature.

Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation
moved over the face of the waters,
and who overshadowed
Mary at Nazareth,
we await with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who celebrate the birth of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father and Mother of all.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us,
and lived among us,
that we might forever live with you.
In the manger at Bethlehem,
in his flight to Egypt, and as the carpenter's son,
the Only Begotten humbled himself to meet us.

Obedient to your calling,
he accepted death on the cross.
When you exalted him on the third day,
and bestowed on him the name above all names,
Christ opened the gate of glory
that we might be your children,
and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work
for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples
Jesus took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.

We recall his blessed passion and death,

His glorious resurrection and ascension;

and we look for the coming of the reign of justice and joy.

Made one with Christ, we offer you these gifts

and with them ourselves,

a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Creator,

and send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this bread and this wine,

that, overshadowed by your Spirit’s life-giving power,

they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,

and we may be kindled with the fire of your love

and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory;

may we grow together in unity and love

until at last, in your new creation,

we enter into our heritage

in the company of Mary,

the apostles, and prophets,

and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

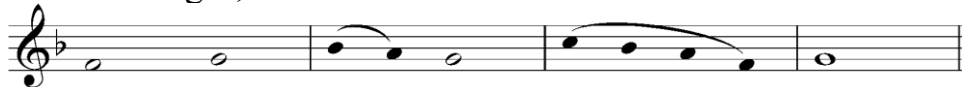
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be to you,

God of all ages, world without end.

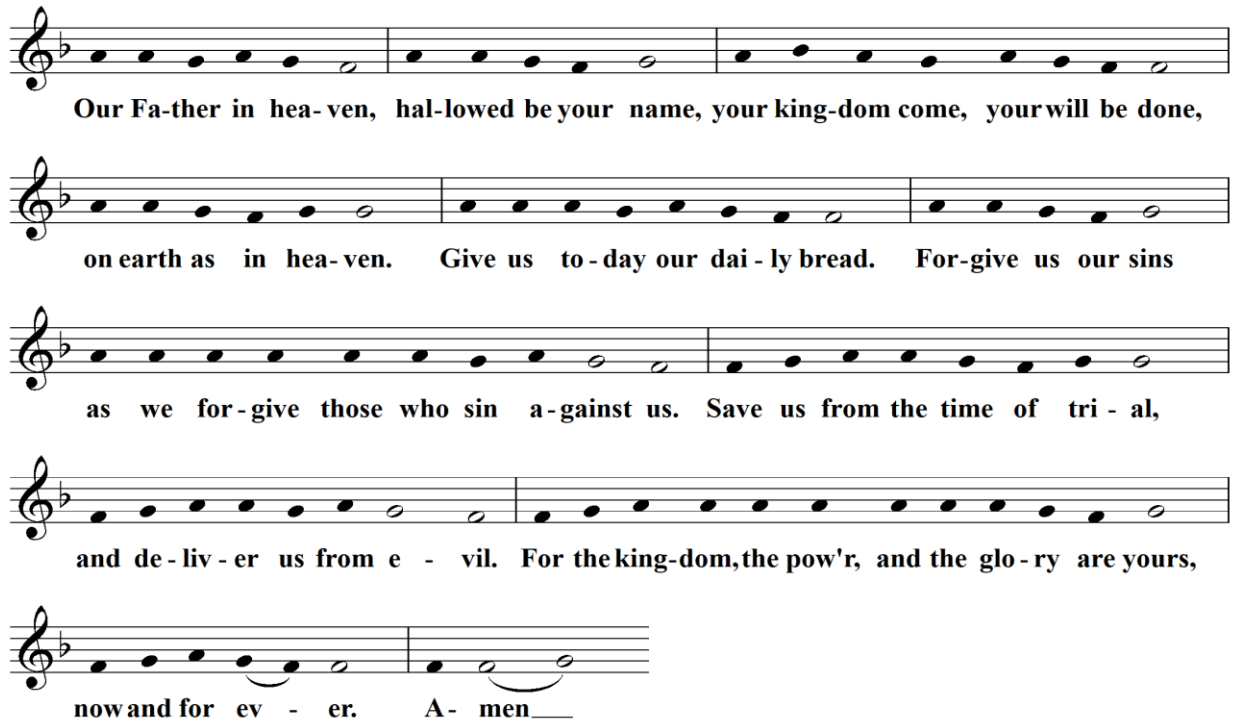


All: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.



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The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

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.

Benedictus *(sung by the choir)*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

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

Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

Please stand; hand-held candles will be lit during the singing of Silent Night.

Post-Communion Hymn

STILLE NACHT



1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. J. F. Young (1820-1885).
Melody: Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863). Descant: D. Stratkauskas.

The Commissioning of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Creator of all,
tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.
May we who have tasted heavenly things
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing...

All: Amen.

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

ADESTE, FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten not created:
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

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3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
4. Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
5. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest:
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Text: Latin, 18th c., Tr. F. Oakley (1802-80) and others. Music, probably by J. F. Wade (1711-86)
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Voluntary Prelude in G major BWV

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The Church of St. John the Divine wishes you and
your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*



Flowers are given to the glory of God

In gratitude for family and friends, from Bruce and Gerry Melville.

In memory of members of the congregation that we have lost this past year, from Nancy Baal.

Poinsettias – Given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of Hélène Nadeau, from Daniel, Ruth, Luc, Paul & Camryn.

In loving memory of Joan Schultz, from Judy McCallum.

In memory of Anthony Maxfield, from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.

In loving memory of Lorraine Pellett, my best friend of over 45 years, from Carol-Ann Zenger.

In memory of my brother, James, from David McKay.

To my wonderful family at St. John's, from Mary Kennedy.

In memory of Anthony Maxfield, from Heather Lee.

In memory of Pat Wankiewicz, from Heather Lee.

In memory of Mom and Dad Andrews, from Heather Lee.

In loving memory of Rudolf, who loved the Christmas season, from Marguerite Dyke.

Remember Gary, from Chuck Neilson.

In loving memory of Andy Wooldridge, from Deb Braithwaite.

In loving memory of family members who loved Christmas as much as I do,
from Judith Branion.

In memory of my parents, Jim and Olga, from Judith Reid.

In memory of Verna Dryburgh, from Judith Reid.

In loving memory of Daniel Harper, from Carol Anne and Geoffrey.

In memory of Tom and Helga Miller, from Virginia Miller.

In memory of Kathleen and Kenneth Gibb, from Virginia Miller.

In loving memory of Margurite & Harold Henrickson and Betty & Thomas Melville,
from Bruce and Gerry.

Christmas Service

December 25 10:00 am Holy Communion for Christmas Day (BAS)

1st Sunday after Christmas

December 28 10:00 am Parish Eucharist (BAS)

Epiphany Service

January 4 10:00 am Parish Eucharist (BAS), & Chalking of the Doors

Christmas Office Hours

Closed Noon, December 24 thru December 30
Open Wednesday, December 31 10:00 am – 12 Noon
for those who wish to drop off 2025 donations

Closed Thursday, January 1st
Normal office hours resume Friday, January 2nd 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Regular Sunday Services at St. John the Divine

10:00 a.m. ❖ Parish Eucharist (in person, via Zoom and live streamed)

The main weekly service, with sermon, congregational singing, choral music, and Communion.

4:30 p.m. ❖ Choral Evensong (in person and live streamed)

The ancient evening service of the Anglican Church, with readings, chant, prayer, and choral music.

Please contact the office (admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) to receive the Zoom
and live stream links.

Regular Mid-Week Services

8:00 a.m. ❖ Holy Communion – Wednesdays

12:30 p.m. ❖ Meditative Eucharist – Thursdays

12 Noon ❖ Mid-day Prayers – Monday-Friday via livestream

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