

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The Baptism of the Lord *January 11, 2026*

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.



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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 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 Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Greeters: Karyn Lehmann, Bill Huzar

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Penny Holt

Readers: Mary Kennedy, Judith Branion

Gospel: Carol Anne Harper

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,

Iris Elsdon, Nancy Baal

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

David Stratkauskas, Director

Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director

Setting: *Missa in Nativitate Domini Nostri* -

G.O. Pitoni (1657-1743)

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 45)

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN



1. Down Galilee's slow roadways,
a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters
with soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river
the sign was birth and grave.

2. Arising from the river,
he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky was open
to show the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended;
he heard a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved—
my child, my heart, my choice."

3. We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard:
"You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord."

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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.

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 of the Day

Silence is kept.

God of glory,
immerse us in your grace,
mark us with your image,
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we may follow the example of Christ our beloved
in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

29

Ascribe to GOD, you gods, * ascribe to GOD glory and strength.

Ascribe to GOD the glory due GOD's Name; * worship GOD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of GOD is upon the waters; * the God of glory thunders; GOD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of GOD is a powerful voice; * the voice of GOD is a voice of splendour.

The voice of GOD breaks the cedar trees; * GOD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

GOD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of GOD splits the flames of fire; the voice of GOD shakes the wilderness; * GOD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of GOD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of GOD * all are crying, "Glory!"

GOD sits enthroned above the flood; * GOD sits enthroned as Ruler for evermore.

GOD shall give strength to GOD's people; * GOD shall give GOD's people the blessing of peace.

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

Acts 10:34-43

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good new begins.
2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove ascended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: English folk tune

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The Gospel

Before the Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17



Cantor: A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17



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.

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

Offertory Hymn (CP 385)

WAS LEBET



1. **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!**
2. **Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

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3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
4. These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875).

Music: Melody – *Choral-buch vor Johann Heinrich Rheinhardt*, Üttingen, 1754.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

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

Scottish Liturgy 1978 revised 2022 - Incarnation

<p><i>Priest:</i></p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Priest:</i></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>All:</i></p> <p>And al-so with you.</p> <p><i>All:</i></p> <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	<p><i>Priest:</i></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>All:</i></p>	<p><i>All:</i></p> <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
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Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
From of the chaotic waters you brought 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 Christ, your only begotten Son,
you have revealed yourself to the world.
By the leading of a star, you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel;
that in following him, we are led
from darkness into his marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit,
who descended upon your Son
at his Baptism in the Jordan,
we who are baptised in his name
strive for his heavenly kingdom
in whose radiance we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
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.

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.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Creator.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on the one in whom you are well pleased.

Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,
Jesus proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.
The blind received their sight, the lame walked,
the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free.
At his word, water became wine,
the hungry were filled with bread,
and the dead were raised.

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, he 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 his Kingdom.
Made one with Christ, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.
Hear us, most merciful God,
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, who are baptised into the
fellowship of Christ's Body
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 siblings living and departed.

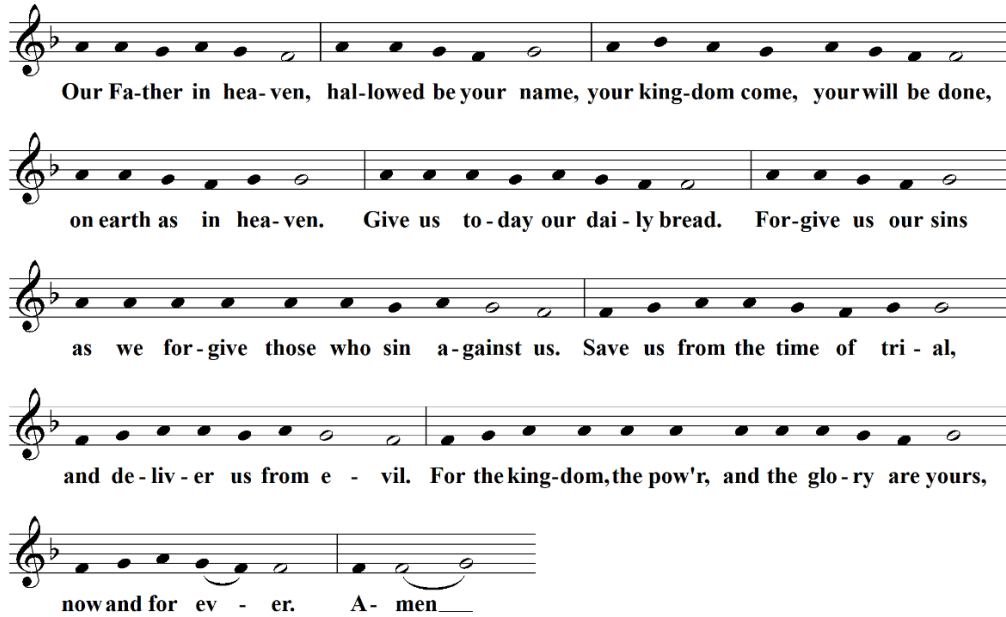
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.



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

The Disciple's Prayer

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



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The Breaking of the Bread

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.

“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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*
miserere nobis. *the world, have mercy on us.*

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

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my place,
To call my true love to my dance:

Refrain

*Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to human nature,
To call my true love to my dance: [*Refrain*]

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor, this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance: [*Refrain*]

Music: John Gardner (1917-2011)

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

Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.



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| <p>1. Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.</p> | <p>3. Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding-guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.</p> |
| <p>2. Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."</p> | <p>4. Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.</p> |

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Voluntary

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



Sunday Reflections will be held in the Walking Together Chapel
starting about 15 minutes after the service ends.

Flowers

Remembering Gary, partner, friend, brother, uncle, on his 93rd birthday, January 16th.
Always in our thoughts & prayers, from Chuck Neilson and family.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalms 46 & 47; Joshua 3:1-8, 14-17; Hebrews 1:1-12 or Luke 3:15-22

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Small Ensemble of Choristers

Responses: Thomas Tallis/Matthew Larkin; Canticles: Thomas Weelkes, Short Service

Anthem: Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Readings for January 18th – The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 It is not enough for Israel to be called, gathered, and honoured as the chosen people; they will also be a light to the nations.

Psalms 40:1-12 Thanksgiving prompts the psalmist to tell abroad the good news of deliverance.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 In the beginning of this letter, Paul greets those called to be God's holy people.

John 1:29-42 We hear the Gospel of John's version of the baptism of Jesus, followed by the call of the first disciples.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Chuck
Paul C-S.
Jane
Claire
Vorna & family
Emi B.
Joshua
Liz & family
James M.
Brian T.
Kate
Miranda
Gloria

Jill & family
Nancy B.
Zoe
Nancy
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Zola
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Mallory
John & Pat
Joanne
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