

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

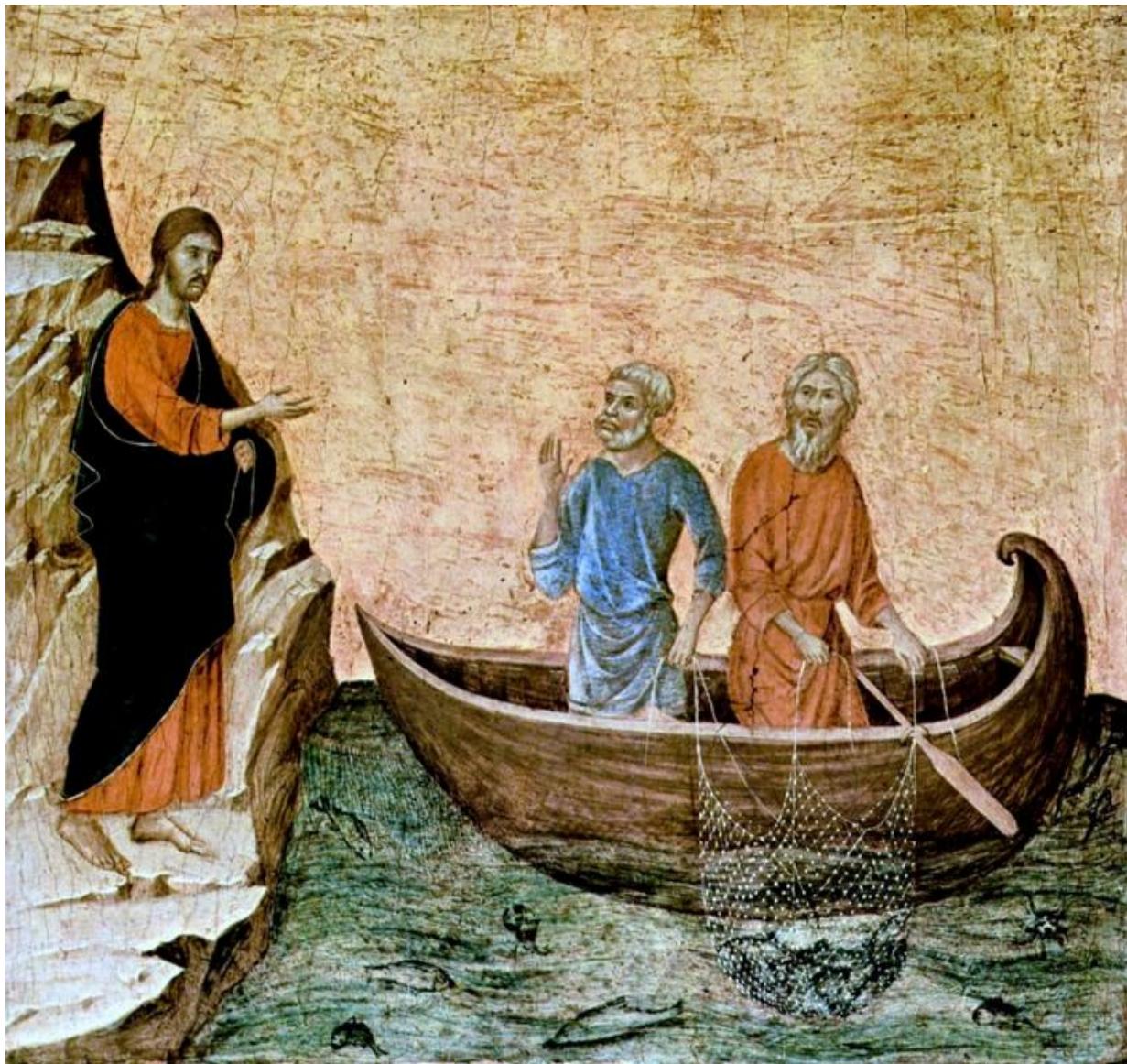
## *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

**January 25, 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](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: [www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](http://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](mailto: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

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*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:** Bill Huzar, Marilyn Moody

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Sacristan:** Iris Elsdon

**Readers:** Jessie Bosma, Mary Kennedy

**Gospel:** Lorraine Gates

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Intercessor:** Marilynn Mincey

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Patrick Samuel,  
Susan Fraser, Virginia Miller

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

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

**Setting:** Ghislaine Reece-Trapp (b.1992)

*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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Processional Hymn (CP 156)

DUNDEE



1. The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the Light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.
2. To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.
3. For thou their burden dost remove,  
and break the tyrant's rod,  
as in the day when Midian fell  
before the sword of God.

4. For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.
5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.
6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit one.

Text: John Morison (1750-1798).  
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615.

## 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*)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipte deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you who takes away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you who takes away the sin of the world:  
receive our prayer;  
you who are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

God of all people,  
you sent your Son into our shadowed world.  
May his dawning light give hope to the broken,  
the persecuted, the alien and the excluded,  
so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near  
and turn to follow him;  
through Jesus Christ, the morning star.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

*We sit for the Reading and the Psalm.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

27:1, 5-13

GOD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \* GOD is the strength  
of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of GOD; one thing I seek; \* that I may dwell in the house  
of GOD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of GOD \* and to seek GOD in GOD's temple.

For in the day of trouble GOD shall keep me safe in their shelter; \* GOD shall hide  
me in the secrecy of their dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now GOD lifts up my head \* above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to GOD.

Hearken to my voice, O GOD, when I call; \* have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \* Your face, GOD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, \* nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; \* do not forsake me, O God of  
my salvation.

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)  
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*After the Reading*

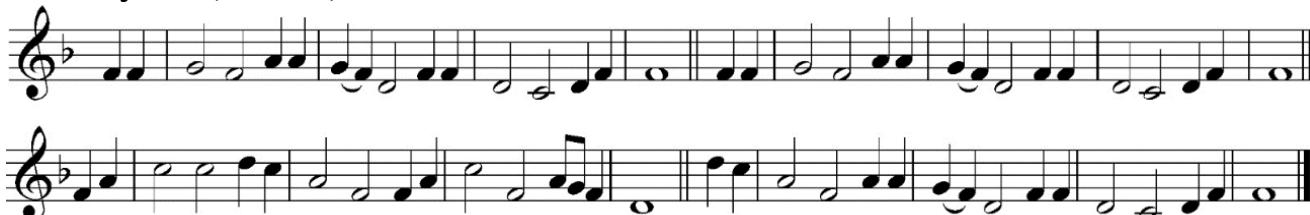
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**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

Gradual Hymn (CP 482)

BEACH SPRING



**1. Come and journey with a Saviour  
who has called us from our birth,  
who has washed us in the waters,  
and who loved us on the earth.**

*Refrain*

*Come and journey, come and journey  
with a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
in the Spirit we are one.*

**2. Come and journey, journey inward,  
come and seek him deep within,  
where he meets us in our living,  
in our striving and our sin.**

*Refrain*

**3. Come and journey, journey outward,  
telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory,  
of his cross and of the shame.**

*Refrain*

**4. Come and journey, journey outward,  
where that cross calls us to care,  
where injustice and where hunger  
and the poor call us to share.**

*Refrain*

**5. Come and journey, journey upward.  
Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness  
find his presence everywhere.**

*Refrain*

**6. Come and journey, journey onward;  
all our gifts we now shall bring  
to the building of a city  
that is holy, Christ its King.**

*Refrain*

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*We remain standing.*

**The Gospel**

*Before the Gospel*

Matthew 4:12-23

Musical notation for 'Alleluia' in G major, common time. The notation is divided into two parts: 'Cantor:' and 'All:'. The 'Cantor:' part consists of a single melodic line with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The 'All:' part consists of a single melodic line with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The two parts are connected by a vertical bar line.

**Cantor:** Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. See Matthew 4:23

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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.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer.*

**Prayers of the People**

*Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.*

*Please stand as able.*

**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 remain standing.*

Offertory Hymn (CP 10)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



1. **We, the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,  
praise One who called us out of sin and darkness  
into God's own light, that God might anoint us  
a royal priesthood.**
2. **This is the Lord's house, home of all God's people,  
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,  
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;  
all find a welcome.**
3. **This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,  
day of creation, day of resurrection,  
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,  
day for rejoicing.**
4. **In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered,  
that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them  
to all the people God's own life imparting,  
food everlasting.**

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Music: Melody Antiphoner, Paris, 1681.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God,  
before the world began you called us.  
Make holy all we offer you this day  
and strengthen us in that calling.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.*

*Please stand as able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Scottish Liturgy 1978 revised 2022 - Incarnation

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord..

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise..

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.

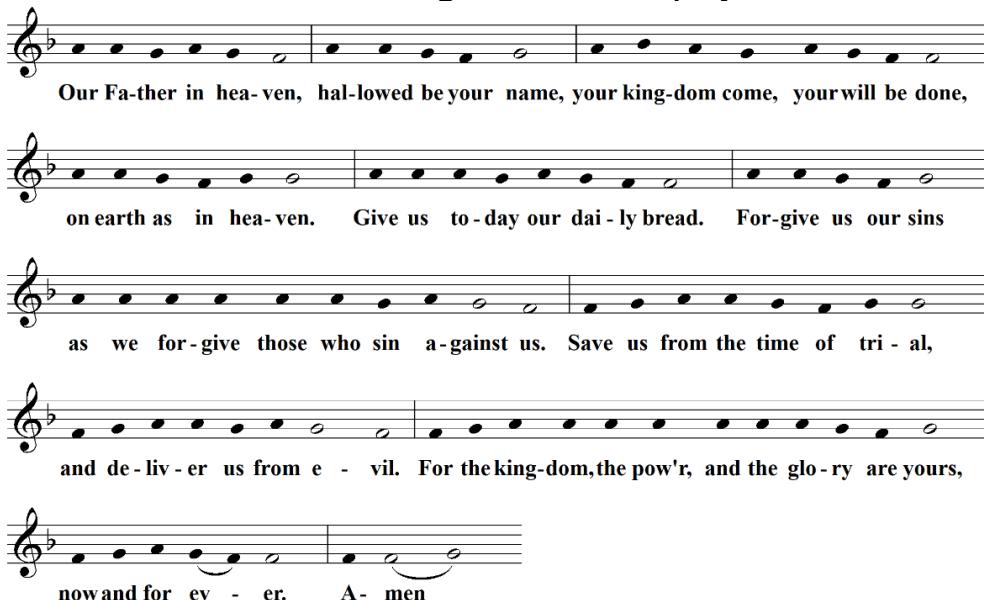
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end.



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

## The Disciple's Prayer

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



**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-against 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

“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 (*sung by the choir*)

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.*

## Anthem

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As a deer longs for springs of water,  
so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

Text: G.P. da Palestrina (1527-1594)

*Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.*

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## The Commissioning of the Community

*Please stand as able.*

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 this 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. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

## The Blessing

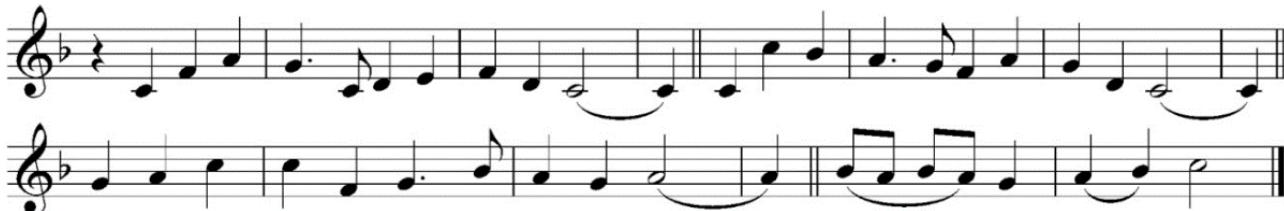
## Dismissal

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn (CP 598)

ENGELBERG



- 1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia!**
- 2. Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia!**
- 3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia!**
- 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"  
Alleluia!**

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*Please be seated*

Voluntary

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



Sunday Reflections will be held in the Denson Lounge  
starting about 15 minutes after the service ends.

## Flowers

Given in remembrance of a good friend and true servant of God, Pat Ormerod,  
from Marilyn Moody and Gerry Melville.

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## Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 33; Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 4:14-21

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Katherine Burk Webb; Canticles: Short Service - Orlando Gibbons

Anthem: Te lucis ante terminum – T.L. di Victoria

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## Readings for February 1<sup>st</sup> – The Presentation of the Lord

**Malachi 3:1-4** The prophet challenges the belief of the people of Israel that their status as 'God's chosen people' meant that they were exempt from the demands of living with compassion and righteousness.

**Psalm 84** - The Psalmist writes a hymn of praise to the Temple in Jerusalem and expresses their love for this Holy Place.

**Hebrews 2:14-18** Seeking to comfort and challenge a suffering, persecuted church, the writer assures them that Jesus understands their suffering and has shared in such. They are reminded that Jesus entered fully into humanity in order that humanity might enter into the divine.

**Luke 2:22-40** On bringing Jesus to the temple, as the law demanded, Mary and Joseph encounter two people who make Spirit filled declarations of Jesus' calling and mission. Their proclamations are both profound and difficult to hear, including the warning that Mary's love for Jesus will also bring pain.

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## Blue Envelope for January – Street Hope

Street Hope Victoria is a volunteer-driven Christian organization that builds personal relationships with people who face multiple barriers and marginalization and encourages them to seek wholeness in all aspects of their lives. Street Hope operates out of a motor home, which is parked in downtown Victoria on a couple of weekday evenings. Volunteers welcome people into the motor home and serve them homemade soup, sandwiches, hot chocolate, juice, cookies and fruit. We feed hungry people, provide essentials such as warm clothing and toiletries, establish and nurture meaningful connections with folks, and encourage them towards healing in their lives.

## The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck	Jill & family	Charles & Frances
Paul C-S.	Nancy B.	Mallory
Jane	Zoe	John & Pat
Claire	Nancy	Joanne
Vorna & family	Carolyn & family	Melinda J.
Mark S.	Rick & Sylvia B.	Emi B.
Joshua	Cat	Emily
Liz & family	Susan	Paul
James M.	Richard M.	Andrew
Brian T.	Samantha	Ian
Kate	Mike	Deb
Miranda	Laura	Marion
Gloria	Zola	Simon
Ronnie A. & family	Jamie G.	Tonja D.
Sandy	Jackson	Kai & Chelsea
Judith	Sue	

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