

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

## *The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

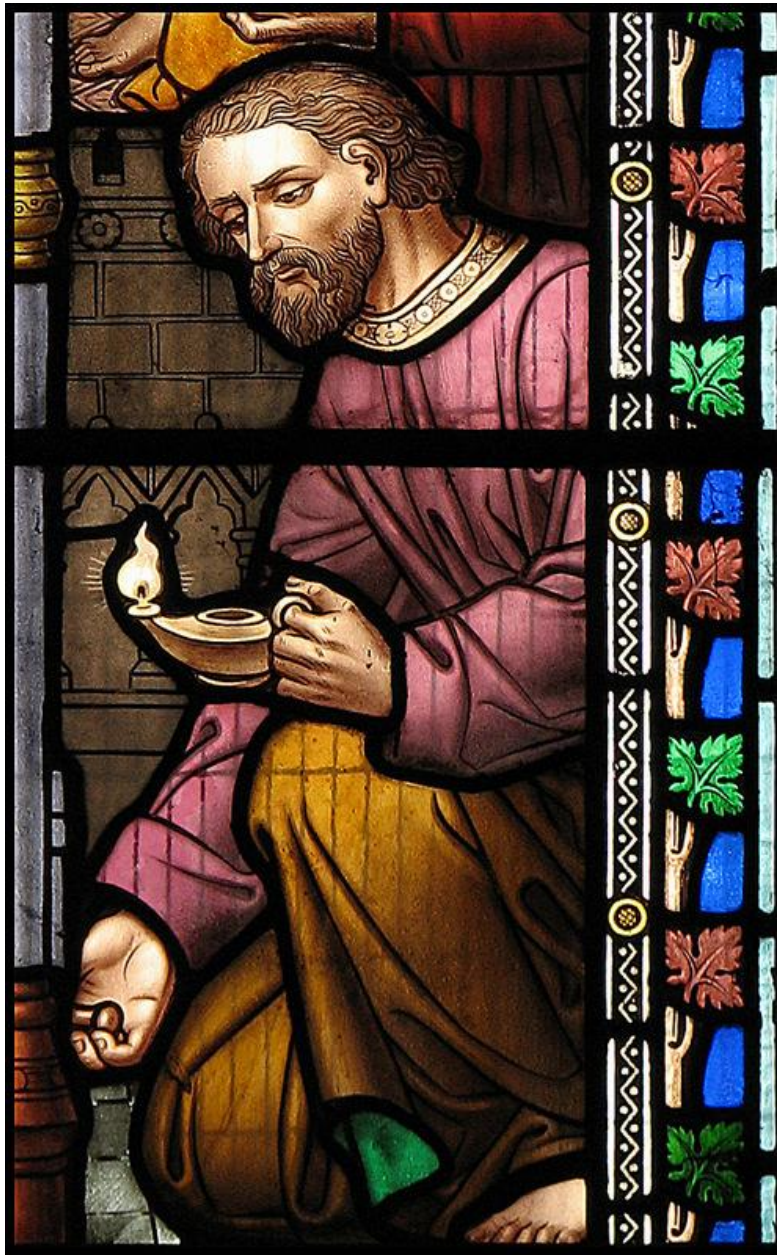
## *February 8, 2026*

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:** Nancy Baal, Christine Scott

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Sacristan:** Duane Lecky

**Readers:** Gary Moss, Marilyn Mincey

**Gospel:** Carol Anne Harper

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

**Intercessor:** Jaqueline Gillespie

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Lorraine Gates,

Jessie Bosma, 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:** Missa Secunda – tr. Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

*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 560)

MOSCOW



(...Let there be light.)

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| <p><b>1. God, whose almighty Word<br/>chaos and darkness heard,<br/>and took their flight:<br/>hear us, we humbly pray,<br/>and where the gospel-day<br/>sheds not its glorious ray,<br/>let there be light!</b></p> <p><b>2. Saviour, who came to bring<br/>on your redeeming wing<br/>healing and sight,<br/>health to the sick in mind,<br/>sight to the inly blind:<br/>now for all humankind<br/>let there be light!</b></p> | <p><b>3. Spirit of truth and love,<br/>life-giving, holy Dove,<br/>speed on your flight!<br/>Move on the water's face<br/>bearing the lamp of grace,<br/>and in earth's darkest place<br/>let there be light!</b></p> <p><b>4. Gracious and holy Three,<br/>glorious Trinity,<br/>wisdom, love, might,<br/>boundless as ocean's tide<br/>rolling in fullest pride:<br/>through the world far and wide<br/>let there be light!</b></p> |
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Text: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); adapt. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875.

## 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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and peace to his people on earth.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>almighty God and Father,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>we praise you for your glory.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us;</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer;</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>you who are seated at the right hand of the</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>Father: have mercy on us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>
Tu solus Altissimus,	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
Iesu Christe.	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

God of Israel,  
giver of love's law:  
Liberate us from all that numbs compassion,  
so that we may find in your commands  
light undimmed and favour undiminished;  
through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law.

**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.

*Please sit for the Reading and the Psalm.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

112:1-10

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Sovereign One\* and have great delight in  
their commandments!  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \* the generation of the upright will  
be blessed.  
Wealth and riches will be in their house, \* and their righteousness will last  
for ever.  
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* the righteous are merciful and full  
of compassion.  
It is good for them to be generous in lending \* and to manage their affairs  
with justice.  
For they will never be shaken; \* the righteous will be kept in  
everlasting remembrance.  
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* their heart is right; they put their trust  
in the Sovereign One.  
Their heart is established and will not shrink, \* until they see their desire upon  
their enemies.  
They have given freely to the poor, \* and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.  
The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

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.

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.***Please stand as you are able.*

Gradual Hymn (CP 171)

SHARPTHORNE



1. What does the Lord require  
for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire,  
or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

2. Rulers of earth, give ear!  
Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear,  
while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

3. All who gain wealth by trade,  
for whom the worker toils,  
think not to win God's aid,  
if greed your commerce soils.  
Do justly; love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

4. How shall our life fulfill  
God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue your will  
with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy,  
we'll humbly walk with God.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

*Before the Gospel*

*Cantor:* I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12



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 you are able.*

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.*

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Hymn (CP 497)

SONG 1



- 1. Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
of circling planets singing on their way,  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
into the glory of the perfect day:  
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

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2. We are of thee, the children of thy love,  
    companions of thy well-belovèd Son;  
    descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,  
    into our hearts that we may be as one:  
    as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;  
    as one with him, our pattern and our friend.
3. We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
    one in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
    one with the joy that rises into song,  
    one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,  
    one in the power that makes thy children free  
    to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.
4. O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
    thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;  
    our inspiration be thy constant word;  
    we ask no victories that are not thine:  
    give us the shield of faith that we may be  
    steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.

Text: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.  
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Prayer over the Gifts

God of compassion and forgiveness,  
receive our offering this day,  
and make us one with him who is our peace,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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 you are able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Alternative Services – Eucharistic Prayer #1

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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

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

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy*  
*Lord God of power and might.*  
*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

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

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
This is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

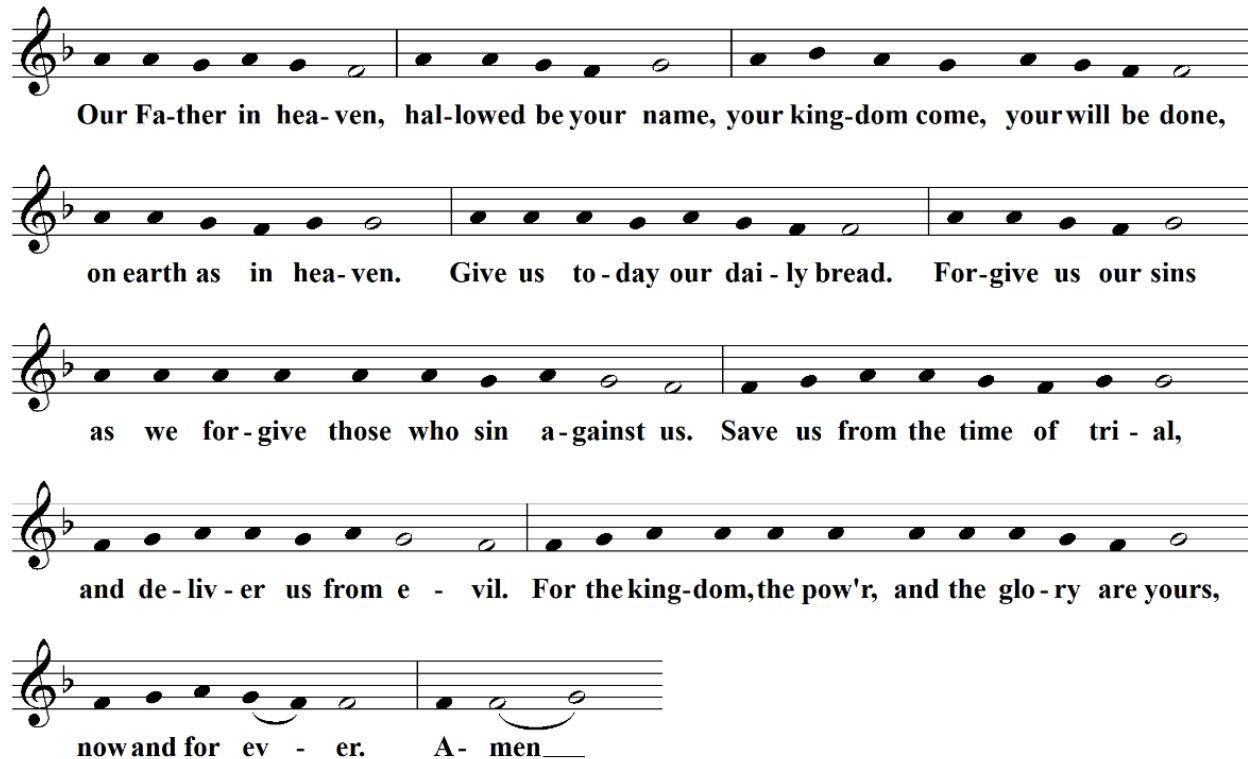
Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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



## The Disciples' Prayer

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



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## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

***All:* We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to receive communion. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.*

*If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.*

*Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.*

## Agnus Dei

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

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

## During Communion

If thou wilt be perfect, go sell what thou hast, and give to the poor,  
and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come follow me.

Amen, I say to you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say to you:

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle,  
than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And every one that hath left riches for my name's sake,  
shall receive a hundred times as much, and life everlasting.

Many that are first, shall be last: and the last shall be first.

Text: Adapted from Matthew, Chapter 19, verses 21-30 (Douay-Rheims Bible, 1899)

Music: Melissa Dunphy (b.1980)

*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

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling.

May we who share in this heavenly banquet

be instruments of your peace on earth,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## The Blessing

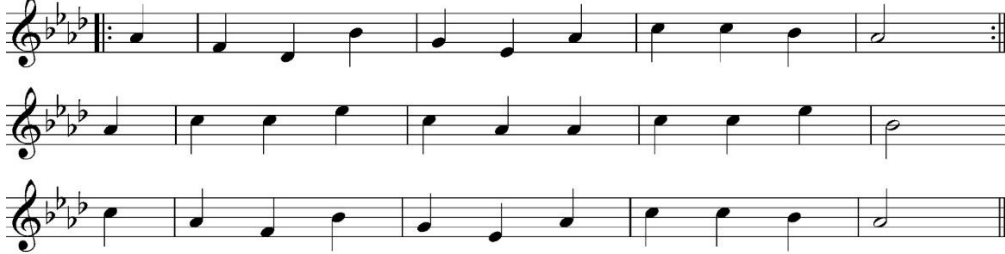
### Dismissal

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Recessional Hymn (CP 393)

ST. DENIO



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.
4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: Melody Welsh trad.; adapt. John Roberts of Henllan (1808-1876), *Caniadeau y Cyssegr*, 1839.

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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 to the Glory of God and in celebration of our granddaughter  
Eleanor's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, from Nancy Baal.

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### **Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm**

Readings: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:1, 22-31; Revelation 4

Officiant: Gary Moss

Preacher: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: William Smith; Canticles: Fauxbourdons – William Byrd

Anthem: Ave Virgo Sanctissima - Francisco Guerrero

### **Ash Wednesday, February 18**

10:00 am Eucharist with hymns and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 pm Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes and sermon

### **Readings for February 15<sup>th</sup> –**

#### **The last Sunday after the Epiphany/Transfiguration Sunday**

**Exodus 24:12-18** Awe, wonder, reverence and fear surround the making of the covenant between God and Israel on Mt. Sinai.

**Psalms 2** In a psalm of coronation the king is proclaimed a son of God.

**2 Peter 1:16-21** With the only reference to the Transfiguration outside the Gospels, we are reminded who Jesus is.

**Matthew 17:1-9** Jesus and three disciples on a mountain encounter the presence of God in the Transfiguration of Jesus and a heavenly voice.

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### **Blue Envelope for February – The Food Bank at St. John's**

The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

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## **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.  
Zoe  
Carolyn & family  
Richard M.  
Ronnie A. & family  
Kai & Chelsea  
Claire

Jill & family  
Grace  
John & Pat  
Liz & family  
Andrew  
Jamie G.  
Sue  
Emily

Charles & Frances  
Mallory  
Vorna & family  
James M.  
Brian T.  
Tonja D.  
Joshua

### **R.I.P.**

Nancy Bansgrove

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