

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 4th Sunday of Easter *April 26, 2026*

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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 ancestral lands of the Lekwungen people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community in Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Services at St. John's are: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist – with choir and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: Please email us at admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door and will be presented as the Communion is prepared. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

Donations may be emailed to givings@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca If you are a new donor and wish a tax receipt, please include your mailing address in the comment section.

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 Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Barbara Jenks, Louise Langman

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Ann Barry

Readers: Michael Zenger, Carol-Ann Zenger

Gospel: Jim Harlick

Intercessor: Jaqueline Gillespie

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,

Iris Elsdon, Nancy Baal

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Daphne Small

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

Setting: Missa 'Locus iste' - Stephanie Martin
(b.1965)

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.

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 215)

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM



**1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath ransomed Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**

**2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from that Light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**

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3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection!

4. Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal,
hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve
thou dost stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

5. Alleluia now we cry
to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.

Text: John of Damascus (675?-749?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: Melody – Johann Horn (?-1547), *Gesangbuch, 1544*
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Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

All: May God fill our hearts with joy.

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.	<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 Father:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>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

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

O God,
whose Son is the good shepherd,
send us out as shepherds to seek the lost,
to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion;
through Jesus, who calls each by name.

All: Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34:7-15

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Be joyful in GOD, all you lands; * serve God with gladness and come before
God's presence with a song.

Know this: it is God that is God; * It is GOD who has made us, and we are
GOD's; we are their people and the sheep of their pasture.

Enter their gates with thanksgiving; go into their courts with praise; * give thanks
to GOD and call upon their Name.

For GOD is good; GOD's mercy is everlasting; * and GOD's faithfulness endures
from age to age.

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

1 Peter 2:19-25

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 520)

DOMINUS REGIT ME



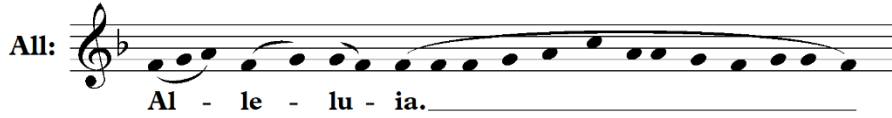
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| <p>1. Such perfect love my Shepherd shows,
whose goodness fails me never,
Whose hand all things I need bestows
and watches me forever.</p> | <p>4. I do not fear death's shadowed vale
when you are here beside me;
Your rod and staff and strength prevail
to comfort and to guide me.</p> |
| <p>2. Where streams of living water flow,
my loving Shepherd leads me,
And where the verdant pastures grow
with food from heaven feeds me.</p> | <p>5. You spread a table in my sight,
your gifts of grace bestowing;
And from your chalice I delight
to taste your mercy flowing.</p> |
| <p>3. When vain and foolish oft I strayed,
you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,
And on your shoulder gently laid,
then home rejoicing brought me.</p> | <p>6. And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever.</p> |

Text: Ps. 23; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877).
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.
John 10:14



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

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 as you are able.

Affirmation of Faith (CP 44)

NETTLETON



**1. I believe in God almighty,
Author of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.**

**2. I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried—
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.**



**3. I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.**

Text: The Apostles' Creed; para. Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Para. © 1991 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.
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Musical & Poetical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, 1784, alt.
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Please sit, stand or kneel.

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 contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn (CP 349)

OLD HUNDREDTH



- 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice,
delight in God whose praise you tell;
whose presence calls you to rejoice.**
- 2. Know that there is one God indeed;
who fashions us without our aid;
who claims us, gives us all we need,
whose tender care will never fade.**
- 3. Enter the sacred gates with praise,
with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always,
as people whom the Spirit calls.**
- 4. Proclaim again that God is good;
whose mercy is forever sure;
whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Text: Psalm 100; Eng. para. attrib. William Kethe (1530?-1594?)

Music: Melody – Geneva, 1551

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd.

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 remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer F

Common Worship: Prayers and Services from the Church of England

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;

*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.*

dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Creator, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

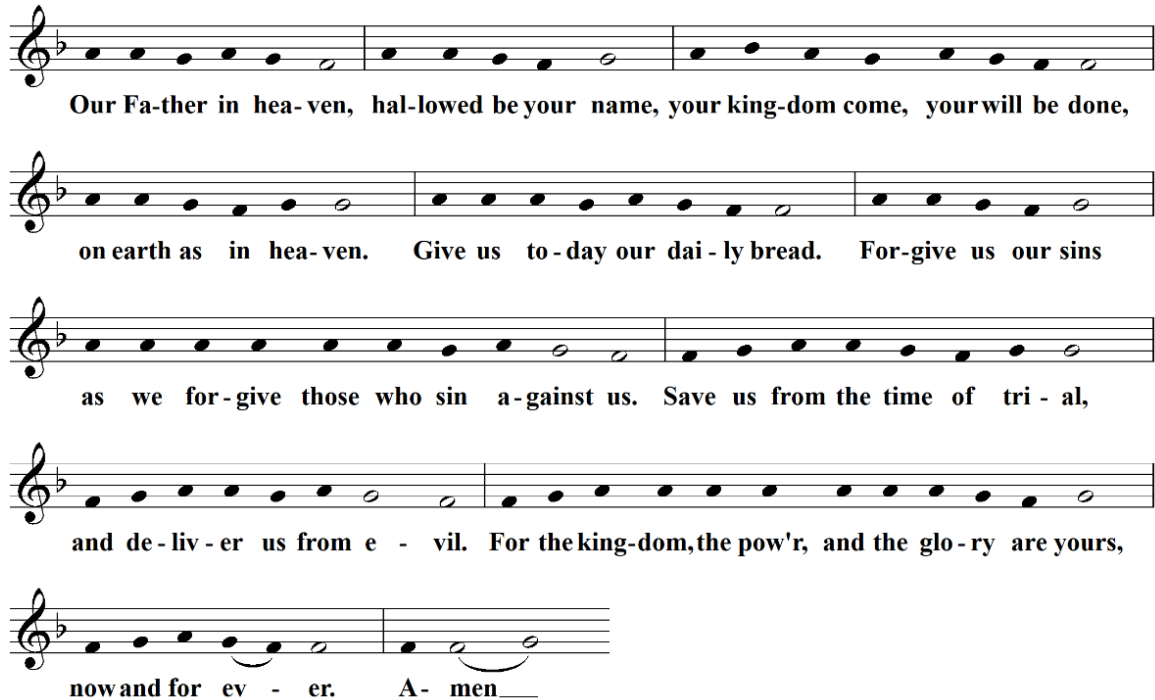
Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.



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

The Disciples' Prayer

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



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men

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The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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 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.*

Anthem

My shepherd is the living Lord, nothing therefore I need,
in pastures fair with waters calm he sets me for to feed,
he did convert and glad my soul and brought my mind in frame
to walk in paths of righteousness for his most holy name.
Through all my life thy favour is so frankly showed to me
that in thy house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Sternhold (1500-1549)
Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

The Commissioning of the Community

Please stand as you are able.

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places,
spiritually we share one bread.**

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran worship (2006) alt.

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



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| <p>1. Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
tell it with a joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days' prison:
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.</p> | <p>2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed,
all his woes are over now,
and the Passion that he bore;
sin and pain can vex no more.</p> |
| <p>3. Christ is risen, Christ is risen;
he hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.</p> | |

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
Music: Melody – *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt, 1698;
adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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.

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

Readings: Psalm 29:1-10; Ezra 3:1-13; Ephesians 2:11-22

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Margaret Woodley; Canticles: Second Service – June Nixon

Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide – Charles Wood

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God in memory of our fathers, W. Alan Swinton and Bruno Nadeau,
from Ruth Swinton and Daniel Nadeau.

Readings for May 3rd – The 5th Sunday of Easter

Proverbs 4:10-18

Psalm 119:9-32

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Blue Envelope for April is Rainbow Haven

Rainbow Haven is a ministry with deep roots at St. John the Divine. It provides safe, dignified temporary housing and practical support for LGBTQ+ refugees in countries of transit as they wait for a path to long-term safety. What began through relationships in our own parish has grown into a wider effort to help people who would otherwise be facing danger, homelessness, and profound isolation.

This month's special collection will support Rainbow Haven's work, including the ongoing costs of maintaining safe houses and providing basic necessities such as food and utilities. Your support helps create a place of safety and stability for people at a time of great vulnerability. Thank you for your generosity.

Email: rainbowhavensoc@gmail.com

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Bob & Irene S.
Maya
Charles & Frances
Carsen
& family
Kevin & family
Jane
Rick & Sylvia
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