

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost* *June 7, 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.

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**Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine**, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Church of Canada, 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 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.

**How to support us:** 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.

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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

Preacher: Melanie Ihmels

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

*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.*

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## The Gathering

### Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

### Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Processional Hymn (CP 430)

KELVINGROVE



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| <p><b>1. Will you come and follow me<br/>if I but call your name?<br/>Will you go where you don't know<br/>and never be the same?<br/>Will you let my love be shown,<br/>will you let my name be known,<br/>will you let my life be grown<br/>in you and you in me?</b></p>         | <p><b>3. Will you love the "you" you hide<br/>if I but call your name?<br/>Will you quell the fear inside<br/>and never be the same?<br/>Will you use the faith you've found<br/>to reshape the world around,<br/>through my sight and touch and sound<br/>in you and you in me?</b></p> |
| <p><b>2. Will you leave yourself behind<br/>if I but call your name?<br/>Will you care for cruel and kind<br/>and never be the same?<br/>Will you risk the hostile stare<br/>should your life attract or scare?<br/>Will you let me answer prayer<br/>in you and you in me?</b></p> | <p><b>4. Lord, your summons echoes true<br/>when you but call my name.<br/>Let me turn and follow you<br/>and never be the same.<br/>In your company I'll go<br/>where your love and footsteps show.<br/>Thus I'll move and live and grow<br/>in you and you in me.</b></p>              |

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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 (CP 702)

*Please note the refrain is in italics.*

*fine.*  
Glo - ry to God \_\_\_ in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. \_\_\_

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, almight-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you

thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *Glo - ry to God \_\_\_ in the high - est, and*

*peace to his peo - ple on earth. \_\_\_* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord

God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; \_\_\_ you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive \_\_\_ our prayer. *Glo - ry to*

God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the  
 ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord. you a - lone are the most high, Je -  
 - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men. **Repeat refrain 'Glory to God'**

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## The Collect of the Day

*The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.*

God of grace,  
 you invite the despised,  
 you touch the unclean,  
 you lift up those who are brought low;  
 give us that hope for a world  
 transformed through Jesus Christ, the mercy of God.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) 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

Genesis 12:1-9

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Congregation, please read the section in bold.*

33:1-12

Rejoice in God, you righteous; \* **it is good for the just to sing praises.**

Praise God with the harp; \* **play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing for God a new song; \* **sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.**

For the word of God is right, \* **and all God's works are sure.**

God loves righteousness and justice; \* **the loving-kindness of God fills the whole earth.**

By the word of God were the heavens made, \* **by the breath of their mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \* **and stores up the depths of the sea.**

Let all the earth fear God; **let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.**

For God spoke, and it came to pass; \* **God commanded, and it stood fast.**

God brings the will of the nations to naught; \* **and thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

But God's will stands fast for ever, \* **and the designs of God's heart from age to age.**

Happy is the nation whose God is God! \* **happy the people God has chosen to be their own!**

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 3:1-19

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gradual Hymn (CP 631)

PADERBORN



1. **The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**
2. **The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.  
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of desire.**
3. **The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgment for gain and for loss.**
4. **God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.**

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## The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Before the Gospel:*

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 sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.*

## 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.*

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn (CP 59)

JESUS CALLS US



- 1. Jesus calls us here to meet him,  
as through word and song and prayer  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.**
- 2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.**
- 3. Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language—  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.**
- 4. Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.**

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## The Prayer over the Gifts

God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
so that we might be for the world,  
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

*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

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

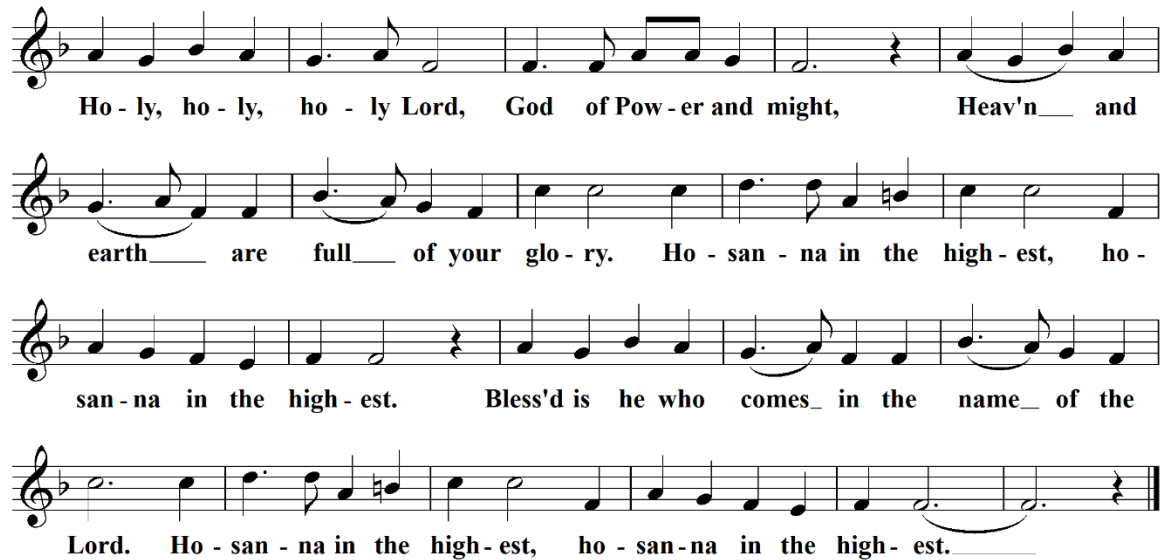
Let us give thanks to our Creator God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus (CP 732)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and might, Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
When Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

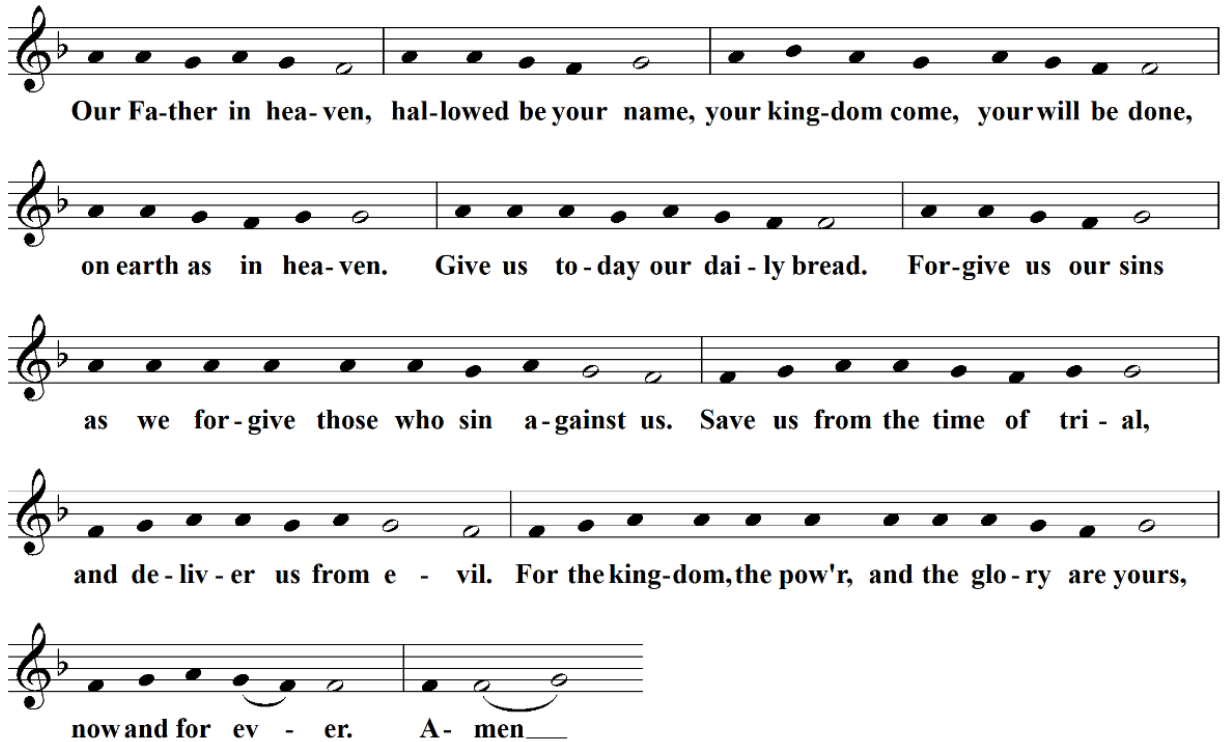
**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.  
On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,



## 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-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

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.**

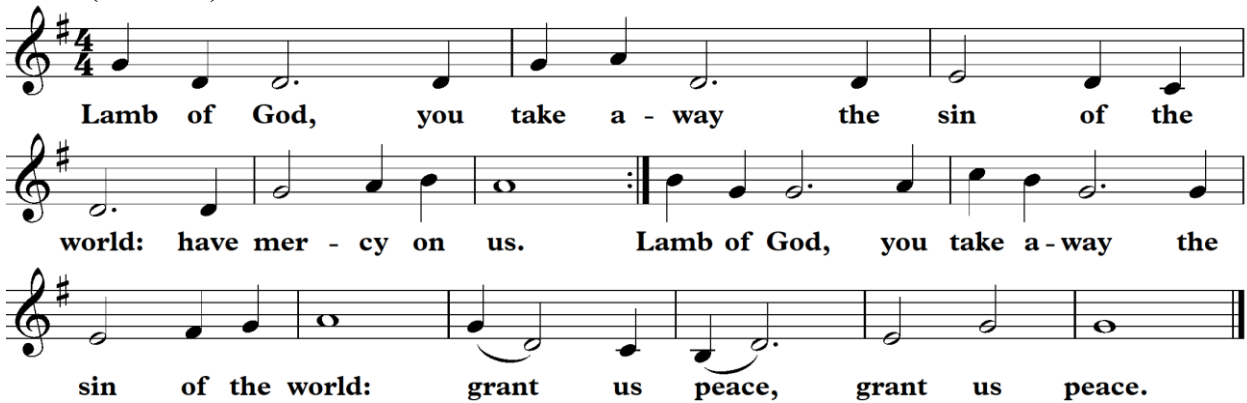
*All are invited to receive communion. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.*

*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.*

*Please be seated.*

## Agnus Dei (CP 745)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*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

O God,  
we have shared in the mysteries  
of the body and blood of Christ.  
Nourish us by this feast,  
that we may live the risen life  
and serve you faithfully in the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

## Blessing

## Dismissal

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**



**1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
 pilgrim through this barren land.  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
 hold me with thy powerful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
 feed me till I want no more,  
 feed me till I want no more.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain  
 whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 let the fire and cloudy pillar  
 lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
 be thou still my strength and shield,  
 be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 bid my anxious fears subside;  
 death of death, and hell's destruction,  
 land me safe on Canaan's side:  
 songs of praises, songs of praises,  
 I will ever give to thee,  
 I will ever give to thee.**

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Voluntary

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Please join us in the Denson Lounge for refreshments and fellowship.



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

**There is no Choral Evensong tonight.  
Evensong returns in September.**

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**Flowers**

Given in loving memory of my father, John Duff. Gone for 41 years but still missed by his family, love Louise, Susan and our families.

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**Readings for June 14<sup>th</sup> – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Acts 4:5-12

Matthew 9:35—10:8

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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  
Bill  
Rick & Sylvia  
John N. & family  
James M.  
Suzanne R.  
Brian  
Jane  
Vernon  
Ronnie A.

Charles & Frances  
Zoe  
Dawson  
Carol  
Jill & Gary G.  
Joanne  
Susan  
Jill & family  
Kevin & family  
Allie  
Sylvia

Paul C-S.  
John & Pat  
Sue  
Brian T.  
Carsen  
Samantha  
Fiona & family  
Judy T.  
Brenda L.  
Dawson & family

## Today's Service Personnel

**Presider:** The Reverend Pam Worthington

**Greeters:** Barbara Jenks, Karyn Lehmann

**Crucifer:** Niall Barnard

**Sacristan:** Terry Needham

**Readers:** Barry Salter, Margaret Walker

**Gospel:** Melanie Ihmels

**Intercessor:** David Buckman

**Sermon:** Melanie Ihmels

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Jaqueline Gillespie,  
Graham Brown, Nancy Baal

**Verger:** David Pupak

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