

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost *June 28, 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 – returning in September)** 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.

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.

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.*

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

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 9)

SLITHERS OF GOLD



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| <p>1. Today I awake
and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt,
he summoned the day;
for God never sleeps,
but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold
or glory in grey.</p> | <p>3. Today I affirm
the Spirit within me
at worship and work,
in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires
all life which is changing
from fearing to faith,
from broken to blest.</p> |
| <p>2. Today I arise
and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark
to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive,
and beckons his people
to hope and to heal,
resist and invite.</p> | <p>4. Today I enjoy
the Trinity around me,
above and beneath,
before and behind;
the Maker, the Son,
the Spirit together—
they called me to life
and call me their friend.</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.

The musical score is written on six staves in a 3/8 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line ends with a double bar line and the word "fine." above it. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The fifth line ends with a double bar line. The sixth line ends with a double bar line.

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
 Repeat refrain 'Glory to God'
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

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The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
 you have taught us through your Son
 that love fulfils the law.
 May we love you with all our heart,
 all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,
 and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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 22:1-14

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Congregation, please read the section in **bold**.*

How long, O GOD? will you forget me for ever? * **How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?
* **How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me and answer me, O GOD my God; * **give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over them," * **and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

But I put my trust in your mercy; * **my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**

I will sing to GOD, for GOD has dealt with me richly; * **I will praise the Name of God Most High.**

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.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 592)

FULDA



1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where cries of tribe and race resound,
amid the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, your word of love is found.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From children's wounded helplessness,
from men and women's grief and toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
4. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long the multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.
5. O Jesus, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain.
Among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.
6. Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

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The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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.

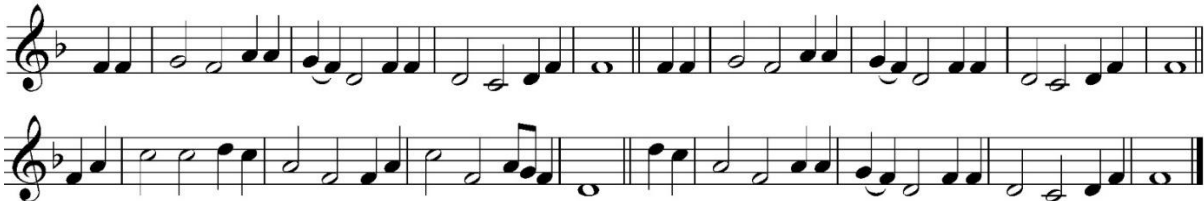
All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 585)

BEACH SPRING



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| <p>1. Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.</p> | <p>2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.</p> |
| <p>3. As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.</p> | |

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom,
receive all we offer you this day.
Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,
that we may follow the way of our brother Jesus Christ,
and serve one another in freedom.
We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

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

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.

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,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."
Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

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

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our siblings.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

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

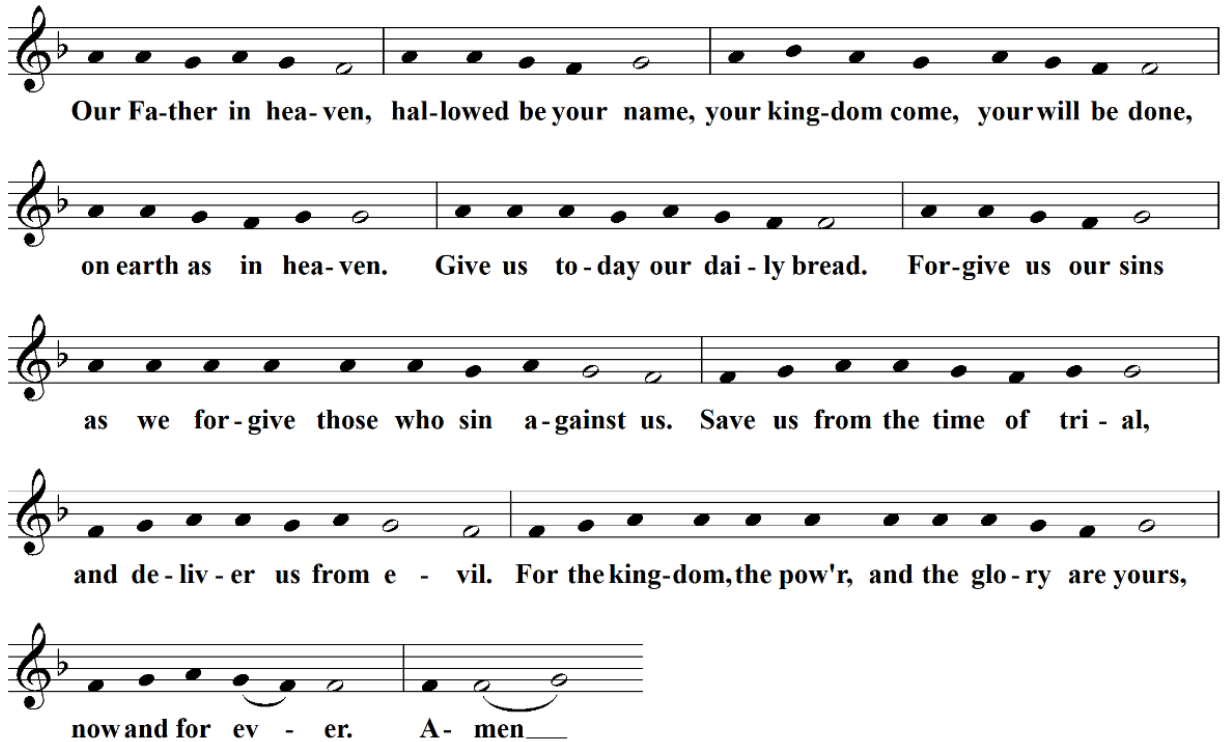
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.



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-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 give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran worship (2006)

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.



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| <p>1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:</p> <p>2. under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.</p> <p>3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.</p> | <p>4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.</p> <p>5. Time like an ever-rolling stream
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.</p> <p>6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.</p> |
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Text: Ps. 90; para. Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: William Croft (1678-1727).

Voluntary

Prayers are from The Book of Alternative Services © 1985 unless otherwise listed.

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 loving memory of my brother, Bruce Dutton,
on the 1-year anniversary of his passing, July 10, 2025.
Always in our hearts, from Dorothy Chuhran.

Readings for July 5th – The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:11-18

Acts 10:44-48

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.
Kate

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

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

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Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

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