

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

PRIDE Sunday / The 7th Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 2026

9:30 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 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 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

9:30 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 60)

LAND OF REST



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| 1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me. | 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends. |
| 2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread. | 4. The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here. |
| 5. Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one. | |

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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.

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

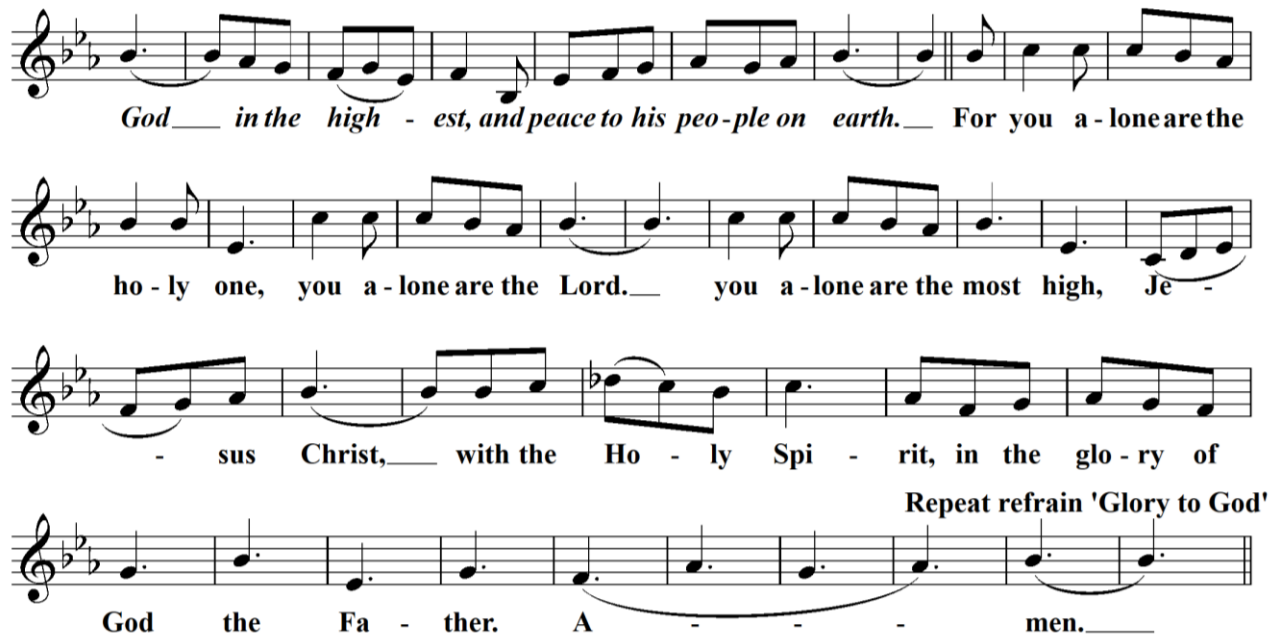
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, almight-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you

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*



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The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Divine Sower,
you scatter your seeds generously:
May we be rich soil
and receive your gift so freely given,
so that we may revel
in love's abundant, reckless growth;
through Jesus Christ, the grain of life.

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 Reading and the Psalm.

The Reading

Acts 11:1-18

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please read aloud the section in **bold**.*

Your word is a lantern to my feet * **and a light upon my path.**

I have sworn and am determined * **to keep your righteous judgments.**

I am deeply troubled; * **preserve my life, O GOD, according to your word.**

Accept, O GOD, the willing tribute of my lips, * **and teach me your judgments.**

My life is always in my hand, * **yet I do not forget your law.**

The wicked have set a trap for me, * **but I have not strayed from
your commandments.**

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * **truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * **for ever and to the end.**

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 Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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 621)

INCARNATION



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| <p>1. Before the world began,
one Word was there;
grounded in God he was,
rooted in care;
by him all things are made,
in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke, and said,
“I am for you.”</p> <p>2. Life found in him its source
death found its end;
light found in him its course,
darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout,
“I am for you.”</p> | <p>3. The Word was in the world
which from him came;
unrecognised he was,
unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind,
“I am for you.”</p> <p>4. All who received the Word
by God was blessed;
beloved children, they
of earth’s fond guest.
So did the Word of grace
proclaim in time and space
and with a human face,
“I am for you.”</p> |
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The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
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

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *Priest:*, *All:*, *Priest:*, and *All:*. The lyrics for these measures are: "The Lord be with you.", "And al-so with you.", "Lift up your hearts.", and "We lift them to the Lord.". The second staff has two measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *Priest:* and *All:*. The lyrics for these measures are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." and "It is right to give our thanks and praise.".

May God be with you.
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!

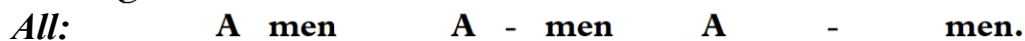
At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

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.
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.

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.



The Disciples' Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

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.

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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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 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

Living God,
in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.



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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Voluntary

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Please join us at the back of the church for refreshments and fellowship.
Instead of coffee/tea this week the Family Ministry team will be serving ice cream goodies.



No Sunday Reflections this week
as folks are encouraged to join in the Pride Parade as they are able.

Pride Evensong

This Sunday, July 12 at 7:00 pm



An evening service of choral music, prayer, and sermon, in celebration of Pride Week.

An annual tradition at St. John's, Pride Evensong affirms and celebrates folk of all sexual orientations and gender identities, mindful of the struggles that have been and are still being faced to bring inclusion and equality to Queer folk everywhere.

The service includes choral music and hymns by LGBTQIA2S+ composers, sung by the Choristers of St. John the Divine.

No matter how you identify, or how you understand the Divine, you are very welcome!

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in honour of July birthdays
of those family members gone before us –

Hugh McCaw (July 4), Harold Miles (July 7) and Violet Miles (July 11),
from Michael and Carol-Ann Zenger.



Readings for July 19th – The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a In a dream with a stairway connecting earth and heaven Jacob, now a fugitive fleeing for his life, receives the promise of God originally given to his grandfather Abraham.

Psalms 139:1-11, 22-23 This lament acknowledges God's universal presence and power.

Romans 8:12-25 Paul speaks of the Spirit's presence in us enabling obedience. He also envisions a cosmic transformation that will eventually result in the liberation of the created order.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The parable of the weeds in the field speaks about salvation, redemption, and judgment.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck	Charles & Frances	Paul C-S.
Zoe	John & Pat	Rick & Sylvia
Paul	Sue	Carol
James M.	Jill & Gary G.	Suzanne R.
Joanne	Samantha	Judy T.
Brenda L.	Ronnie A.	Andrew
Wayne & Heather	Mary	Heather
Melinda	Dennis	John & Linda B.
Sharon C.	Pat & Leslie	Brian D.
	Geoffrey	

R.I.P.

Kingsley Payne
Mary Tenny

Today's Service Personnel

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Barbara Jenks, Mary Kennedy

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Ann Barry

Reader: Ben Groom

Gospel: Murray Harris

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