

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost *August 23, 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.



Photo by Susanna Peterson

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

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 300)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



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| <p>1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.</p> <p>2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.</p> | <p>3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.</p> <p>4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.</p> |
| <p>5. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.</p> | |

Text: Latin (*Angularis fundamentum*, 7th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695), *O God, thou art my God*; adapt. *The Psalmist*, 1842.
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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.

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

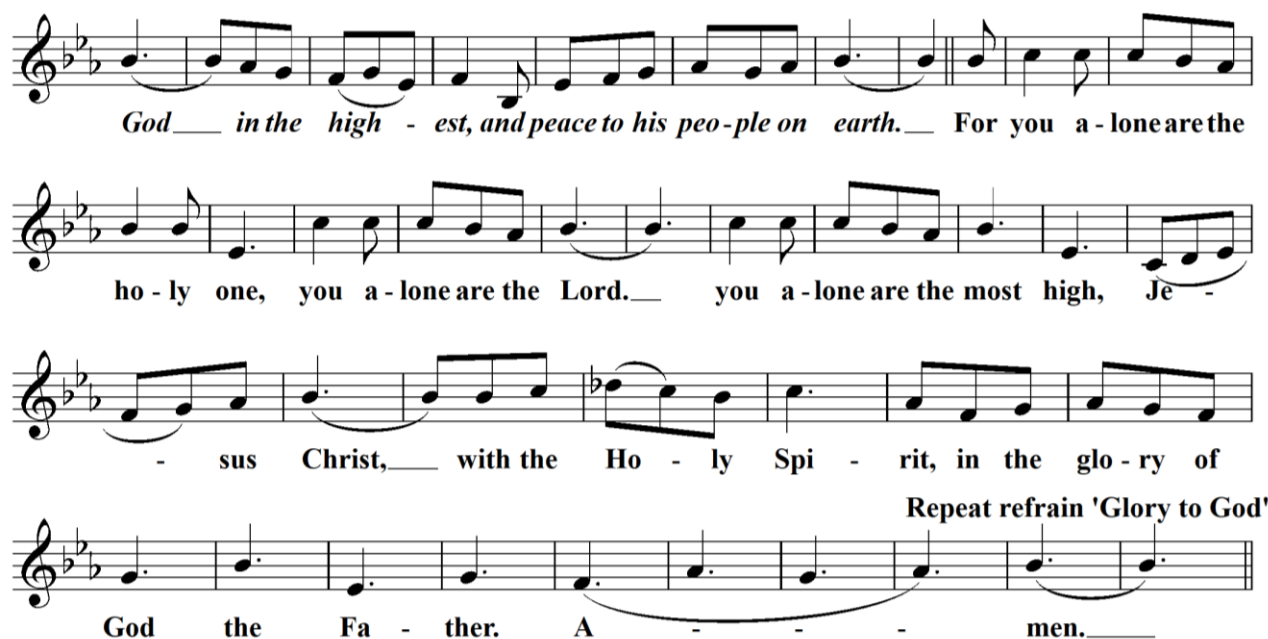
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, almighty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you

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.

Living God,
you accept our stumbling faith,
our misplaced answers,
our false horizons,
and through them you build a way of peace.
Empower and enable us
to bind the wounds of the world
and loose the bonds of oppression,
so that all may confess the grace
that is your work alone;
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one.

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

Ezekiel 1:8—2:10

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

124

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

If GOD had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;

If GOD had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.

Blessed be GOD! * GOD has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of God, * the maker of heaven and earth.

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

Romans 12:1-8

After the Reading

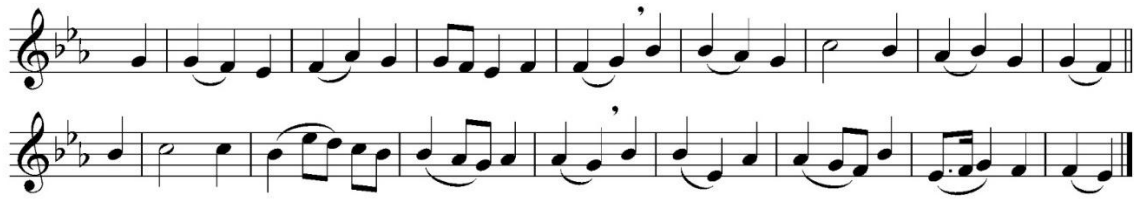
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 624)

HEREFORD



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| <p>1. O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.</p> <p>2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.</p> | <p>3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.</p> <p>4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal
and make the sacrifice complete.</p> |
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Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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 500)

SERVANT SONG

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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,
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: Amen.

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.

Instrumental Music

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, increase in us the healing power of your love.

Guide and direct us

that we may please you in all things,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 525)

AURELIA



1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought us
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us,
and for our life he died.
2. Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one glorious name we hallow,
partake one holy food,
and to one hope we follow,
with every grace endued.
3. Though with dismay and wonder
we see the church oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet we on earth have union
with God the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Text: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900), alt. Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

Blue Envelope for August : Victoria Native Friendship Centre

The mandate of VNFC is "To encourage and promote the well-being of Urban Aboriginal People, by strengthening individuals, family, and community." Beginning their work in 1969, the Centre has become a vital resource for urban Indigenous individuals and families and is strategically positioned to play a major role in the development and implementation of urban Indigenous governance on southern Vancouver Island.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Jean,
from John Sylwester.

Readings for August 30th – The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15 Having escaped Egypt and now living as a shepherd, Moses encounters God in a burning bush on Mt. Horeb.

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c With grateful recollection the story of God's deeds are retold.

Romans 12:9-12 Paul lists selfless behaviours that are expected of Christ's followers.

Matthew 16:21-28 Jesus clarifies what it means to be a disciple: it can mean suffering and willingness to die.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Zoe
Chris
James M.
Joanne
Linda in Peru
Geoffrey
Jean

Charles & Frances
John & Pat
Carol
Jill & Gary G.
Samantha
Maddie A.
Christopher
Kevin & family

Paul C-S.
Rick & Sylvia
Bill
Suzanne R.
Judy T.
Andrew
Jill & family
Ryan

Today's Service Personnel

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Louise Langman, Barbara Jenks

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Melanie Ihmels

Readers: Ava Gregorian, Jessie Bosma

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