The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

November 1, 2026
All Saints

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 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 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 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 276)

SINE NOMINE

(These verses correspond with the verses in the Common Praise hymn book.)



1. **For all the saints who from their labours rest,**
   who thee by faith before the world confessed,
   thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;**
   thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
   thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. **O blest communion, fellowship divine!**
   We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
   yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. **The golden evening brightens in the west;**
   soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
   sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

please turn page for vs. 7-8



7. **But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day—**
   the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
   the King of glory passes on his way.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
   through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
   singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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 in Excelsis

John Merbecke (1510-1585), adapted



Collect

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared
for those who love you;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

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

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any

scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Refrain: Taste and see the goodness of God.

I will bless GOD at all times; * GOD's praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in GOD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of GOD; * let us exalt GOD's Name together

I sought GOD, and they answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror. **R**

Look upon GOD and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and GOD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of GOD encompasses those who fear GOD, * and GOD will deliver them.

Taste and see that GOD is good; * happy are they who trust in GOD! **R**

Fear GOD, you that are GOD's saints, * for those who fear GOD lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek GOD lack nothing that is good.

GOD ransoms the life of GOD's servants, * and none will be punished who trust in GOD. **R**

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 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (USA 593)

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1. **Lord, make us servants of your peace:**
   Where there is hate, may we sow love;
   where there is hurt, may we forgive;
   where there is strife, may we make one.
2. **Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;**
   where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
   where all is night, may we sow light;
   where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3. **Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek**
   to be consoled, but to console,
   nor look to understanding hearts,
   but look for hearts to understand.
4. **May we not look for love's return,**
   but seek to love unselfishly,
   for in our giving we receive,
   and in forgiving are forgiven.
5. **Dying, we live, and are reborn**
   through death's dark night to endless day;
   Lord, make us servants of your peace,
   to wake at last in heaven's light.

Text: James Quinn (1919-2010), based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226).
Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Fr. (1923-1979).

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. Revelation 7:15



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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

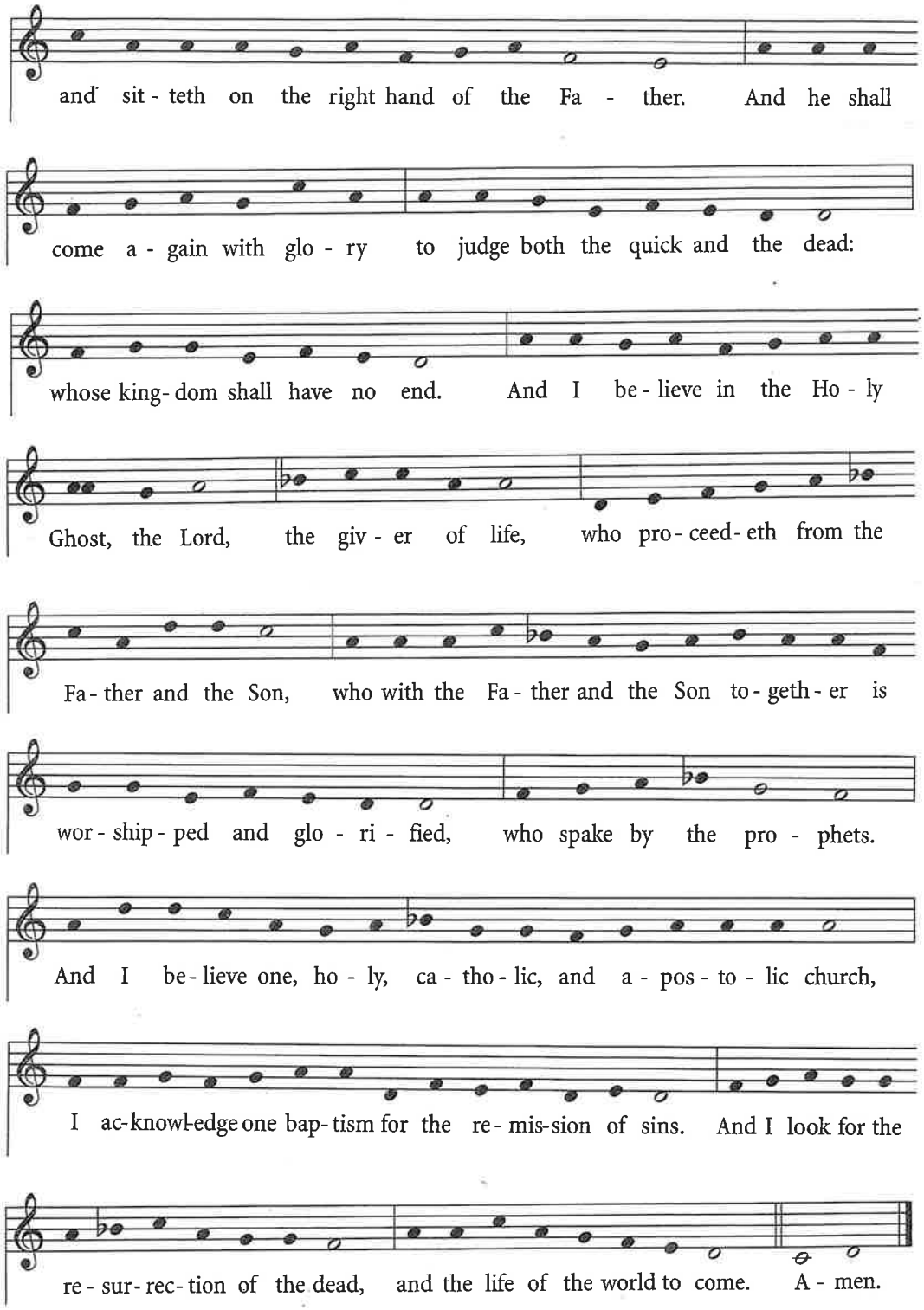
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith




and sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther. And he shall
come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose king - dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly
Ghost, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceed - eth from the
Fa - ther and the Son, who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is
wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fied, who spake by the pro - phets.
And I be - lieve one, ho - ly, ca - tho - lic, and a - pos - to - lic church,
I ac - knowl - edge one bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins. And I look for the
re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men.

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 always with you.

***All*: and also with you.**

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 278)

EWING



1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel
and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessèd
are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessèd country,
the home of God's elect;
O dear and future vision,
that eager hearts expect:
even now by faith we see thee,
even here thy walls discern;
to thee our thoughts are kindled;
for thee our spirits yearn.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy and mighty God,
we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ
in the lives of all his saints.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and help us, like them, to run our course with faith,
that we may come to your eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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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

Common Worship Prayer E – Church of England

May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

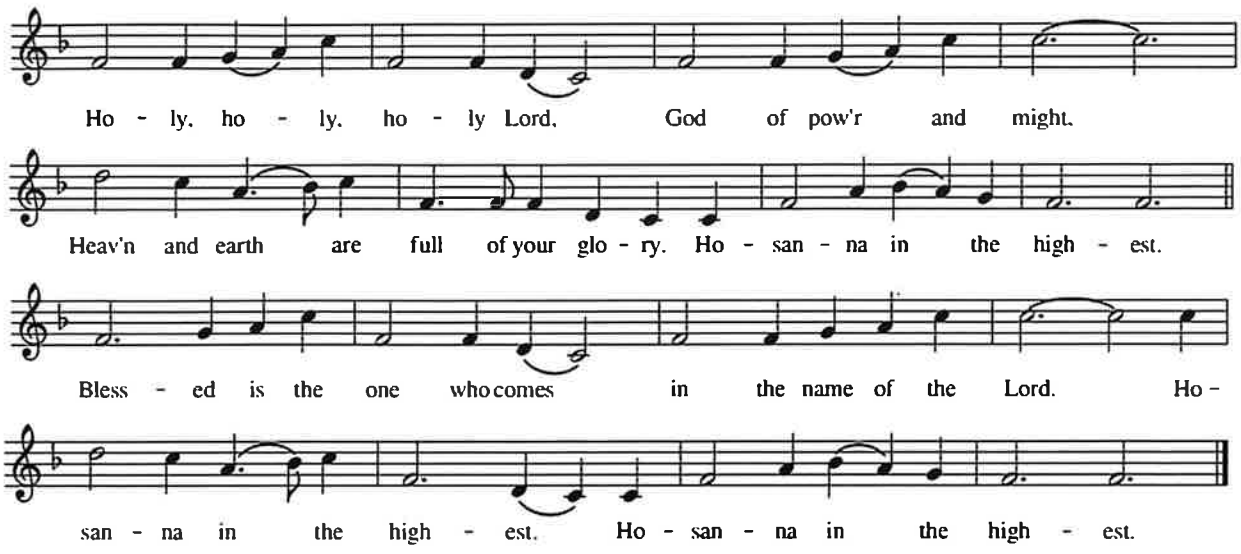
All: **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Creator God.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator, of heaven and earth;
in the multitude of your saints
you have surrounded us
with so great a cloud of witnesses,
that we, rejoicing in their fellowship,
may run with patience the race that is set before us,
and together with them receive the crown of glory
that never fades away.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus (CP 719) Land of Rest



We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
So, loving God, we remember all that Jesus did,
his self-offering for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

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

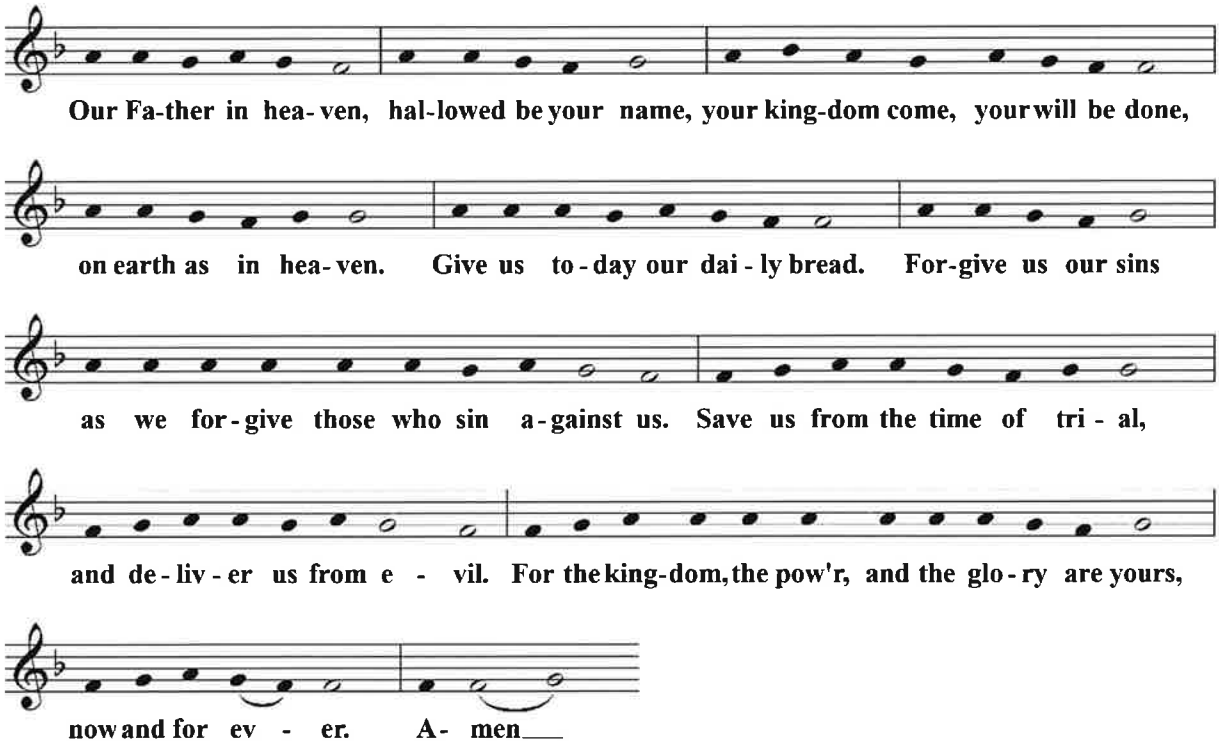


All: **A men A - men A - men.**

The Disciples' Prayer

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

All:



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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.

Anthem

1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
   the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
   to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;
3. still to the lowly soul God's presence doth impart,
   and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
   give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

Text: St. 1, 4 John Keble (1792-1866), alt; st. 2-3, *Mitre Hymn Book*, 1836, alt.
Music: Antony Baldwin (1957-).

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

Lord of hosts,
we praise your glory reflected in your saints.
May we who share at this table
be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God in all creation.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (CP 320)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,**
   bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
   raise the glad strain: Alleluia!
   Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
   virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. **O higher than the cherubim,**
   more glorious than the seraphim,
   lead their praises: alleluia!
   Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
   most gracious, magnify the Lord:
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3. **Respond, ye souls in endless rest,**
   forebears in faith and prophets blest:
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
   all saints triumphant, raise the song:
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



4. O friends, in gladness let us sing
supernal anthems echoing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Voluntary Toccata in d BWV 565 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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 Robert E. Hefty, from Joel.

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
Carol	Suzanne R.	Judy T.
Maddie A.	Julian M.	Eric
Marilyn B.	Melinda	Michael & family
Brittany	Brian & Carla T.	James. M.
Andrew	Christopher	Kevin & family
Dennis	Susan M.	Martin Y.
Bill	Jill & family	Mark & Daryl
Joshua	Tristan	Kate
Deb	Carol	

Readings for November 8th – The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25 A covenant between God and God's people is made at Shechem under the leadership of Joshua.

Psalm 78:1-7 The story of God's great deeds is to be passed on from one generation to another without fail.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul responds to a troubling issue for his time: What happens to those who die in the faith before Christ's return?

Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus speaks of preparedness for the reign of God as a way of life. (A bridesmaid's purpose was to welcome the bridegroom when he brought his bride from her parents' home to his).

All Souls Evensong
with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 121; Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33; John 14:1-6, 27
Officiating: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum
Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
Responses and Canticles: Evening Canticles – Sarah Rimkus
During the Commemoration: Russian Kontakion of the Dead – Stephanie Martin
Anthem: The Souls of the Righteous – Herbert Murrill



Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls') – today, November 1st at 4:30 pm.
The names of the faithful departed will be read aloud at this service, while candles are lit in their memory.
If you wish to have someone remembered, please add to the list at the garden door or add to the basket at the service.

Today's Service Personnel

Presider: The Reverend Pam Worthington
Greeters: Nancy Baal, Christine Scott
Crucifer: Niall Barnard
Sacristan: Terry Needham
Readers: Karen Coverett, Joel Durkovic
Gospel: Carol Anne Harper
Intercessor: Melanie Ihmels
Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

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