# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

## *November 8, 2026*

## *The 24th Sunday after Pentecost / Remembrance Sunday*

# 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 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.*

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you.
Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss.
Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears.

*The choir responds with Kyrie Eleison.* Communion Service in f minor – Margaret Drynan (1915-1999)

*Kyrie eleison.* Lord, have mercy.
*Christe eleison.* Christ, have mercy.
*Kyrie eleison.* Lord, have mercy.

Remembering

We meet in the presence of God,
to commit ourselves to work
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

The Last Post

*Silence is kept.*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; read by Andrew Gates
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

***All:*** **We will remember them.**

The following prayer is said:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All:*** **Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

Hymn (CP 567) MELITA



1. **Eternal Father, strong to save,**
**whose arm restrains the restless wave,**
**who bids the mighty ocean deep**
**its own appointed bounds to keep:**
**We cry, O God of majesty,**
**for those in peril on the sea.**

2. **O Christ, whose voice the waters heard**
**and hushed their raging at your word,**
**who walked across the surging deep**
**and in the storm lay calm in sleep:**
**We cry, O Lord of Galilee,**
**for those in peril on the sea.**

3. **Creator Spirit, by whose breath**
**were fashioned sea and sky and earth;**
**who made the stormy chaos cease**
**and gave us life and light and peace:**
**We cry, O Spirit strong and free,**
**for those in peril on the sea.**

4. **O Trinity of love and power,**
**preserve their lives in danger's hour;**
**from rock and tempest, flood and flame,**
**protect them by your holy name,**
**and to your glory let there be**
**glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

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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.**

## Collect

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

Brighten your Church, O God,
with the promise of your kingdom,
and waken our hearts to its light.
Bid us hasten with faith undimmed
to greet the bridegroom's return
and join the wedding feast.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***All:*** **Amen.** Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

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# 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 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***All:*** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 78:1-7

Hear my teaching O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of GOD, * and the wonderful works GOD has done.

GOD gave their decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which GOD commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might known, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments;

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 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***All:*** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gradual Hymn (CP 92) BELLWOODS



**1. O day of God, draw nigh**
**in beauty and in power;**
**come with thy timeless judgment now,**
**to match our present hour.**

**2. Bring to our troubled minds,**
**uncertain and afraid,**
**the quiet of a steadfast faith,**
**calm of a call obeyed.**

**3. Bring justice to our land,**
**that all may dwell secure,**
**and finely build for days to come**
**foundations that endure.**

**4. Bring to our world of strife**
**thy sovereign word of peace,**
**that war may haunt the earth no more**
**and desolation cease.**



**5. O day of God, draw nigh**
**as at creation's birth;**
**let there be light again, and set**
**thy judgments in the earth.**

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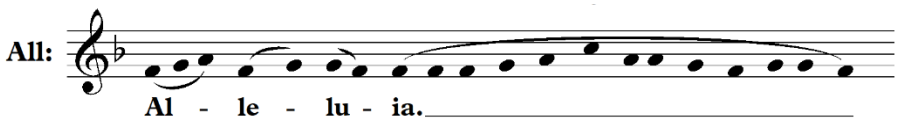
## The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

*Before the Gospel:*




Cantor: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. Ephesians 1:17-18




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

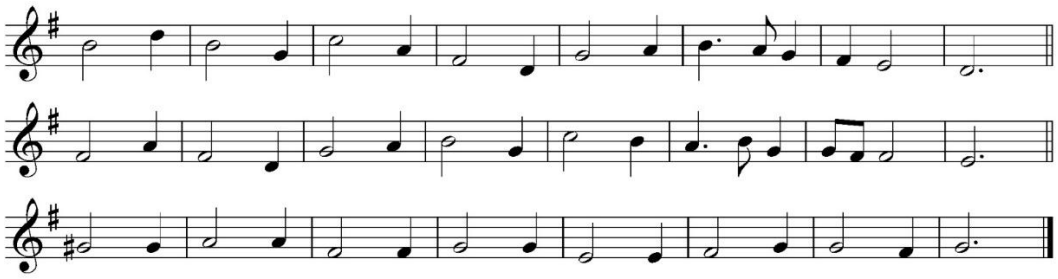
The peace of Christ be always with you.
***All*: and also with you.**

*All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.*

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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 576) WESTMINSTER ABBEY



**1. For the healing of the nations,**
**God, we pray with one accord;**
**for a just and equal sharing**
**of the things that earth affords.**
**To a life of love in action**
**help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2. Lead us forward into freedom;**
**from despair your world release,**
**that, redeemed from war and hatred,**
**all may come and go in peace.**
**Show us how through care and goodness**
**fear will die and hope increase.**

**3. All that kills abundant living,**
**let it from the earth be banned:**
**pride of status, race, or schooling,**
**dogmas that obscure your plan.**
**In our common quest for justice,**
**may we hallow life's brief span.**

**4. You, Creator God, have written**
**our great name on humankind;**
**for our growing in your likeness,**
**bring the life of Christ to mind;**
**that by our response and service**
**earth its destiny may find.**

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## The Prayer over the Gifts

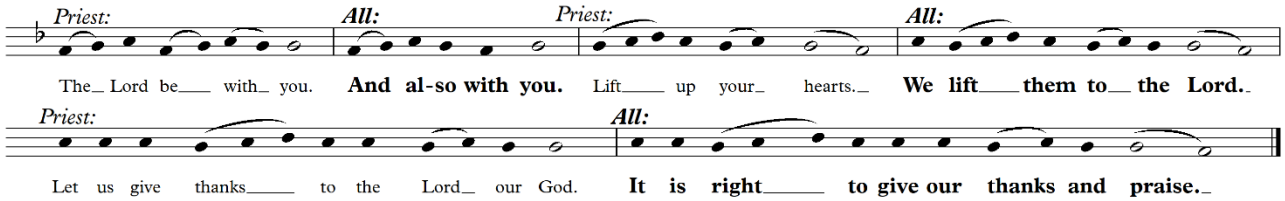
Gracious God,
your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and let your loving-kindness be our comfort,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.
***All*: Amen.**

*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

Scottish Episcopal Church Eucharistic Prayer VII




Worship and praise belong to you, gracious God,
in every place and at all times.
All power is yours.
You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Living Word, our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
Jesus made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

### Sanctus

Communion Service in f minor – Margaret Drynan (1915-1999)

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,*
*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*
*Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:*
*Hosanna in the highest.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Christ is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will Jesus died upon the Cross,
And by your power was raised from the dead.
Breaking the bonds of evil,
Jesus set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
Jesus took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Creator,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

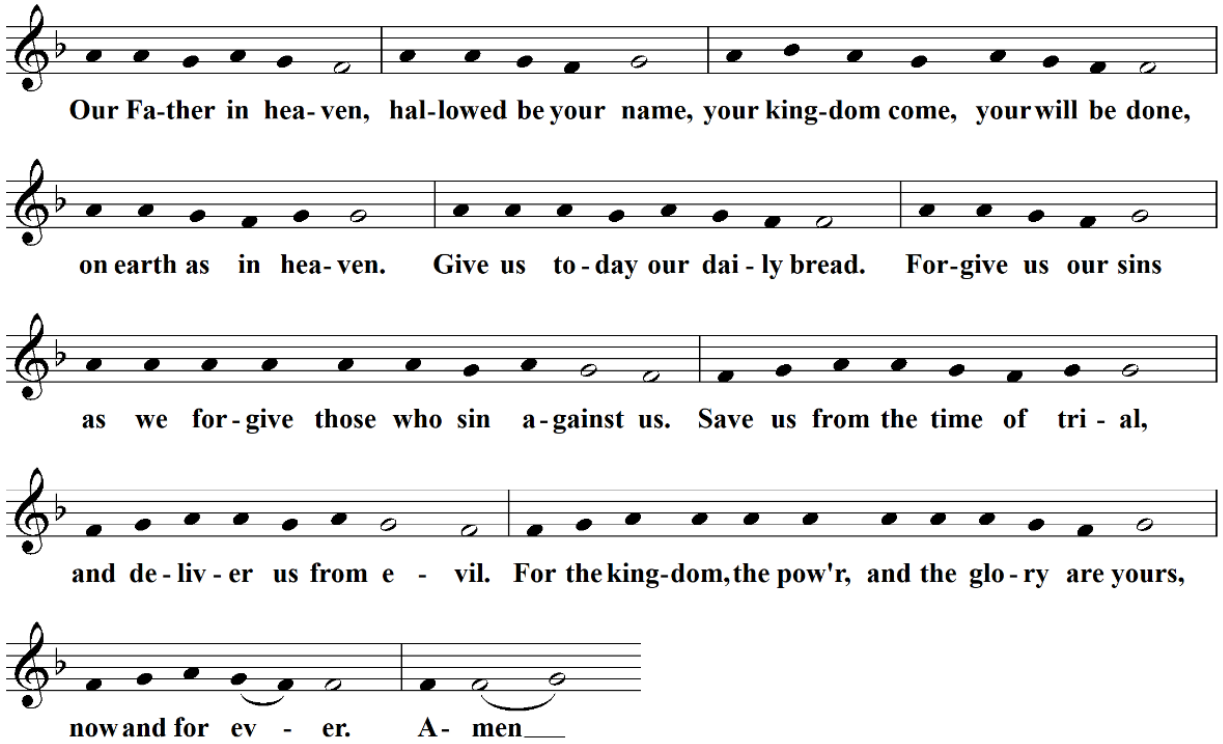
Help us, who are welcomed into the
community of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our siblings living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
God of all ages, world without end.




## The Disciples' Prayer

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




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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

Communion Service in f minor – Margaret Drynan (1915-1999)

*Choir:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

## Anthem

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Text: Psalm 122:6,7.
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

*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

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

***All:*** **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), alt.

## Blessing

## Dismissal

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

***All*:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn (CP 575) THAXTED



1. **Let streams of living justice**
**flow down upon the earth;**
**give freedom's light to captives,**
**let all the poor have worth.**
**The hungry's hands are pleading,**
**the workers claim their rights,**
**the mourners long for laughter,**
**the blinded seek for sight.**
**Make liberty a beacon,**
**strike down the iron power;**
**abolish ancient vengeance:**
**prolaim your people's hour.**

2. **For healing of the nations,**
**for peace that will not end,**
**for love that makes us lovers,**
**God grant us grace to mend.**
**Weave our varied gifts together;**
**knit our lives as they are spun;**
**on your loom of time enroll us**
**till our thread of life is run.**
**O great Weaver of our fabric,**
**bind church and world in one;**
**dye our texture with your radiance,**
**light our colours with your sun.**

3. **Your city's built to music;**
**we are the stones you seek;**
**your harmony is language:**
**we are the words you speak.**
**Our faith we find in service,**
**our hope in other's dreams,**
**our love in hand of neighbour:**
**our homeland brightly gleams.**
**Inscribe our hearts with justice;**
**your way—the path untried;**
**your truth—the heart of stranger;**
**your life—the Crucified.**

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## Voluntary Litanies Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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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.

## Choral Evensong
## today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 82; Judges 7:2-22; John 15:9-17
Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum
Music: Quartet
Responses: Margaret Woodley
Canticles: St. Paul's Service – Melissa Dunphy
Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Herbert Howells

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## Flowers

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory my parents, Emily and Robert, from Barbara Jenks.

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## Readings for November 15th – The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

**Judges 4:1-7** With this the only reading from Judges in the Sunday Lectionary, we are introduced to Deborah, prophet and judge, who, trusting in God, takes a risk for freedom against the oppressive Canaanite King Jabin.

**Psalm 123**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** Security and salvation come not from a timetable of the future, but from life in Christ.

**Matthew 25:14-30** Interpretations differ for this parable, but one possibility points to the necessity of risk-taking in Christian faith.

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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.

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| 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. |
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| Dennis | Susan M. | Martin Y. |
| Bill | Jill & family | Mark & Daryl |
| Joshua | Tristan | Kate |
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## Today's Service Personnel

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum
**Greeters:** Barbara Jenks, Erin Kelly
**Crucifer:** Niall Barnard
**Sacristan:** Penny Holt
**Readers:** David Buckman, Judith Branion
**Gospel:** Jamie Lawson
**Intercessor:** Lorraine Gates
**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Baal, Jaqueline Gillespie, Patrick Samuel
**Verger:** David Pupak
**Streaming Technician:** Daphne Small
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