



**November 6, 2022**

# **The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine**

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## St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

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### Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria

We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of 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.

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.

### Worship in a time of COVID-19

In these times of COVID-19, appropriate protocols are in place. Although no longer mandatory, masks are still encouraged in all public areas, and we ask all to observe careful hand hygiene.

**The Sunday morning service** takes place in-person, is also live streamed and is accessible on Zoom.

**Sunday Evensong** also takes place in person, and livestreamed on the church website and Facebook pages

There is no need to pre-register to attend either service.

**Daily prayer online** is shared daily with a link on our website either live or via recording.

**Contacting Us:** The church office is now open Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm. We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca). If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group 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.

### Assisting with tonight's Liturgy

**Officiant:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Reader:** Muriel Ryan

**Safety Officer:** Carol Denton

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine  
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music  
Char Hodgkins, Assisting Conductor

**Videographer:** Karen Coverett

### A note about language

*In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.*

*Listed music is subject to substitution in the event of changes of personnel or situation.*

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand at the entrance of the clergy. The officiant gives a short welcome.*

## The Responses

*Music: McDowall*

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. (The Lord's name be praised.)

*Please be seated for the singing of the psalm.*

## Psalm

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- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord \* and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
- 2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay \* and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth \* even a thanksgiving unto our God.
- 4 Many shall see it, and fear \* and shall put their trust in the Lord.
- 5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord \* and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.
- 6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward \* and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.
- 7 If I should declare them, and speak of them \* they should be more than I am able to express.
- 8 Sacrifice, and meat-offering, thou wouldest not \* but mine ears hast thou opened.
- 9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required \* then said I, Lo, I come,
- 10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God \* I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.
- 11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation \* lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.
- 12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart \* my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.
- 13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth \* from the great congregation.
- 14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord \* let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.
- 15 For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not able to look up \* yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.
- 16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me \* make haste, O Lord, to help me.

17 Let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it \* let them be driven backward, and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.

18 Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame \* that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.

19 Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee \* and let such as love thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

20 As for me, I am poor and needy \* but the Lord careth for me.

21 Thou art my helper and redeemer \* make no long tarrying, O my God.

*Please stand for the Gloria Patri:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son \* and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be \* world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **First Lesson**

1 Kings 3:1-15

Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem. The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the LORD.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

*Please stand.*

## **Magnificat**

*Text: Lk. 1:46-55 Music: Herbert Sumsion in G*

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **Second Lesson**

Romans 8:31-end

What then are we to say about these things of? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Please stand.*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Text: Luke 2:29-32. Music: Herbert Sumsion in G*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

**All:** I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## Responses, Lord's Prayer, and Collects

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

*Please remain standing, kneel, or be seated as is your preference for prayer.*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the King;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Cantor:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*1<sup>st</sup> Collect, of the day:*

*T.E.C.*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collect, for Peace:*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



*3<sup>rd</sup> Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Anthem**

*The choir sings an anthem.*

O Lord, support us all the day long,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.  
Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text: John Newman  
Music: Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

*Please remain seated, kneel, or stand as is your preference for prayer.*

## **Intercessions**

*Please stand to sing the hymn:*

**Hymn** (CP 177)

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- 1. A spendthrift lover is the Lord  
who never counts the cost  
or asks if heaven can afford  
to woo a world that's lost.  
Our lover tosses coins of gold  
across the midnight skies  
and stokes the sun against the cold  
to warm us when we rise.**
- 2. Still more is spent in blood and tears  
to win the human heart,  
to overcome the violent fears  
that drive the world apart.  
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face  
of one who bears our scars  
and empties out the wealth of grace  
that's hinted by the stars.**
- 3. How shall we love this heart-strong God  
who gives us everything,  
whose ways to us are strange and odd;  
what can we give or bring?  
Acceptance of the matchless gift  
is gift enough to give.  
The very act will shake and shift  
the way we love and live.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Please stand to sing the hymn:*

**Hymn** (NEH 333)

*Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the German of J. Neander (1650-1680)*

1. All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.
2. Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust  
But God's power,  
Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

## **The Blessing or Grace**

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