

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 3rd Sunday in Lent *March 12, 2023*

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 speaking 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.



Siemiradzki, Henryk, 1843-1902. Christ and the Samaritan Woman, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54747> [retrieved March 9, 2023]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Siemiradzki-Chrystus_i_Samarytanka.jpg.

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.

St. John's is open for in-person worship at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 4:30pm (BCP Evensong) as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). As we seek to care for one another, masks are encouraged, but at the discretion of the individual. If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or 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.

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. There are also envelopes in the book stand which can make your gifts tax efficient. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

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.*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Bill & Joan Huzar

Crucifer: Heather Lee

Sacristan: Terry Needham

Readers: Judith Branion, Erin Kelly

Gospel: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: David Buckman

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Miller,
Gerry Melville

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
Char Hodgkins, Conductor
Amiel Elfert, Organist

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Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Introit

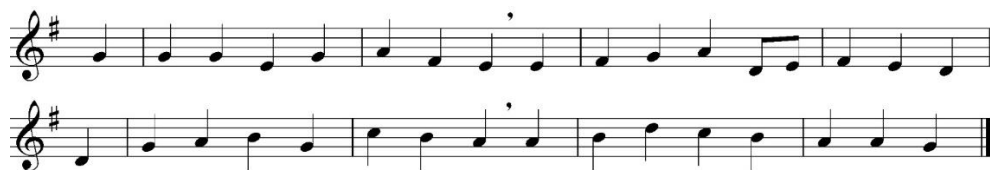
Composer: Richard Farrant (c.1530-1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
Thy tender mercies
and Thy loving kindness,
which hath been ever of old,
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to Thy mercy
think Thou on me, O Lord,
for Thy goodness.

Processional Hymn (CP 431)

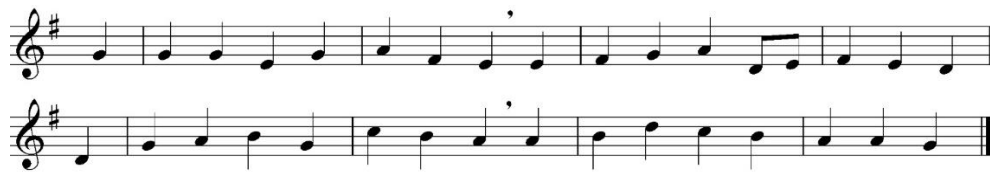
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The Church Family Candle is brought forward.



1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

please turn page for vs. 3-5



3. **Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**
4. **Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**
5. **Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Text: Charles William Everest (1814-1877).

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Church Family Prayer

After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.

Loving God,
**All: you have called us to be your family
and to celebrate our life together in worship.
We pray now, for all members of our family
as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online.
Through your spirit keep us united in love.
Bless each of us with your beloved friendship.
Teach us, gracious God,
how to be your church in these times.
Help us to know that we are your people,
that we are your Family, always.
Amen.**

Greeting

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.

Introduction to Confession

We are all called to healing and wholeness through the God who draws us close and embraces us with love and strength.

We acknowledge our broken relationship with the earth, with one another, with God, and with ourselves, as we pray.

Silence

Kyrie



Ferial mass, Gregorian, xvii.

Absolution

God give you knowledge of the freedom of Divine love,
the healing grace of Christ,
and the empowerment of Holy Spirit. Now and always.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Lord of the wellspring, source of life and truth:
give us the courage of the Samaritan woman,
so that we may receive living water,
and worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ who quenches our thirst with eternal life.

All: Amen.

Proprs Working Group (2016)

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Come, let us sing to God: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For God is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods.

In God's hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are theirs also.

The sea is theirs, for God made it, and their hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before God our Maker.

For that is who is our God, and we are the people of their pasture and the sheep of their hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

The Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 508)

KINGSFOLD



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 thy head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down and drink and live."
 I came to Jesus and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 and all thy day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

Music: Melody – English trad.; coll. Lucy Broadwood (1858-1929); adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Gospel

John 4:5-42

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Praise to you O Christ, *All:* King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

Cantor: The Lord is a great God; O that today you would listen to their voice;
 harden not your hearts.

All: Praise to you O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the good news of Jesus according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

All: Hear, O Israel:

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Hymn at the Presentation (CP 672)

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

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Music: Melody Geneva, 1551.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

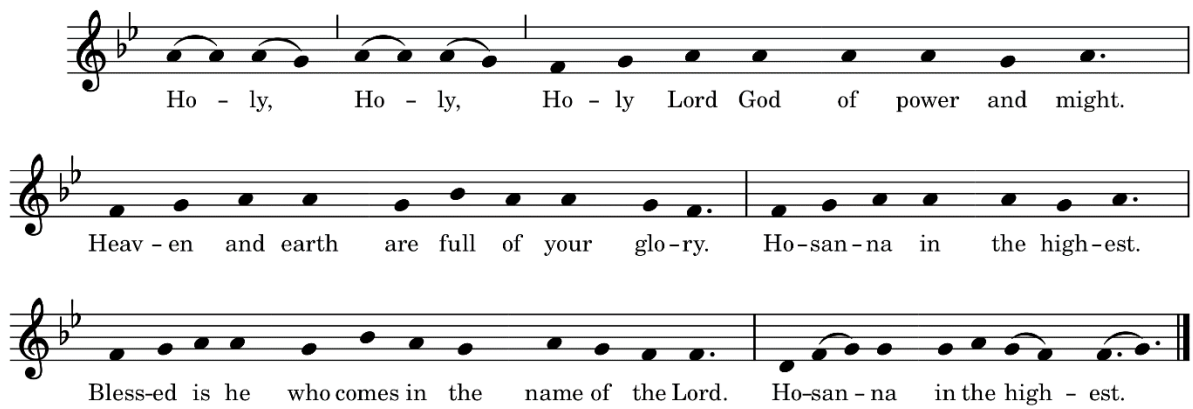
Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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



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.

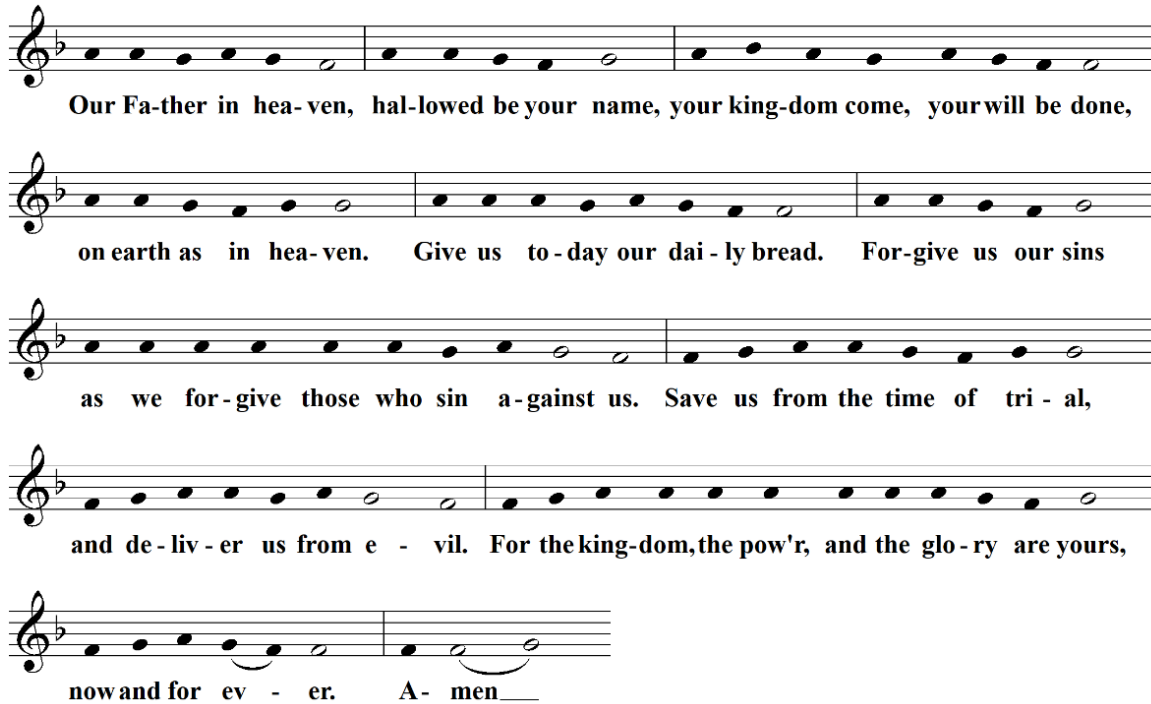
On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

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



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men

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The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive communion. If you are sitting on the left hand side of the church (the North side) please go to the back of the Church. If you are seated on the right hand side OR require gluten free wafers please come to the front of the Church. You are welcome to receive bread and wine or just bread, both are full communion, as you are comfortable.

Agnus Dei

Cantor: *All:*
1, 2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Cantor: *All:*
3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

Motet

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae tu nobis.
Miserere, O Jesu.

Hail the true body, born
of/from the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy, O Jesus.

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places,
we spiritually share one bread.**

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Doxology

Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 565)

CWM RHONDDA



**1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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Please join us on Zoom and at the back of the church for refreshments.

Readings for March 19th – The 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 God surprises with the choice of young David.

Psalms 23 The deepest possible trust in God is expressed.

Ephesians 5:8-14 Those in Christ have passed from old destructive ways to a new, enlightened existence.

John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man born blind, giving rise to much controversy—a humorous dispute really, but with sad consequences.

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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| Charlotte | Muriel | Deb W. |
| Andrew | Kate | Ted |
| Deb H. | Kat | Robert G. |
| Pat | Jack | Joanne |
| Samantha | Jarka | Jenna |
| Robert & Jean | Joe & family | Teresa & Ed |
| Nancy | The Aydemir Family | |

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