

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent* *March 19, 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.

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Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?. Healing of the Man Born Blind, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56662> [retrieved March 16, 2023]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Duccio\\_di\\_Buoninsegna\\_037.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Duccio_di_Buoninsegna_037.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](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: [www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](http://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](mailto: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

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*The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Presider: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

**Presider:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Greeters:** Christine Scott, Ann McLaren

**Crucifer:** Susanna Peterson

**Sacristan:** Judith Branion

**Readers:** Susan Bansgrove, John McLaren

**Gospel:** Carol Anne Harper

**Intercessor:** Lorraine Gates (written by)

**Sermon:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Patrick Samuel,

Graeme Brown, Barbara Jenks

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Char Hodgkins, Conductor

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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## Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

### Announcements

### Processional Hymn (CP 345)

GWALCHMAI

*The Church Family Candle is brought forward.*



**1. King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.**

**2. Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.**

**3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
even eternity's too short  
to extol thee.  
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to extol thee.**

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: Joseph David Jones (1827-1870).

## 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

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## 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.*

Creator and Healer,  
you work your Sabbath will  
in the chaos of our life:  
teach us the insight that gives true judgment  
and praises you wherever you are found,  
making miracles from spit and mud;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

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## The Proclamation of the Word

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

### The First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

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God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

God revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for their Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for  
you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have  
anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will  
dwell in the house of God for ever.

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. Jouce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens

### The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



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| <p>1. Jesus, these eyes have never seen<br/>That radiant form of thine;<br/>The veil of sense hangs dark between<br/>Thy blèssed face and mine.</p> <p>2. I see thee not, I hear thee not,<br/>Yet art thou oft with me;<br/>And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot<br/>As where I met with thee.</p> | <p>3. Yet, though I have not seen, and still<br/>Must rest in faith alone,<br/>I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,<br/>Unseen, but not unknown.</p> <p>4. When death these mortal eyes shall seal,<br/>And still this throbbing heart,<br/>The rending veil shall thee reveal<br/>All glorious as thou art.</p> |
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Composer: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

*Before the Gospel*



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



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.*

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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn (CP 306)

RICHMOND



1. **O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.**
2. **Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.**
3. **He speaks, and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**
4. **My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.**

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
Music: Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe the younger (1770?-1843).  
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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

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*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.*

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 sisters and brothers.

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

## The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

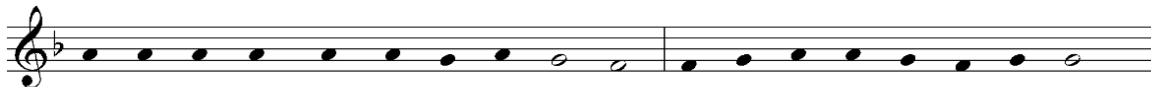
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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

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.

## Motet

Text: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

Music: Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

Gently, Lord, O gently lead us  
Pilgrims in this vale of tears,  
Thro' the trials yet decreed us,  
Till our last great change appears.  
When temptation's darts assail us,  
When in devious paths we stray,  
Let Thy goodness never fail us,  
Lead us in Thy perfect way.

In the hour of pain and anguish,  
In the hour when death draws near,  
Suffer not our hearts to languish,  
Suffer not our souls to fear.  
And, when mortal life is ended,  
Bid us in thine arms to rest,  
Till, by angel-bands attended,  
We awake among the blest.

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## 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 505)

SLANE



- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true child;  
Though once far away now by love reconciled.**
- 3. Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**
- 4. Riches I need not, nor anyone's praise:  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**
- 5. High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O ruler of all.**

Text: Irish hymn (8<sup>th</sup> cent.) tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); vers. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.  
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Please join us on Zoom and at the back of the church for refreshments.

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## Readings for March 26<sup>th</sup> – The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is prophecy that the people of Israel, dead in exile, will live again on their land.

**Psalms 130** Hope is found in relationship with God.

**Romans 8:6-11** The Spirit who dwells within us is the carrier of God's resurrection power.

**John 11:1-45** Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

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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.

Charlotte  
Andrew  
Deb H.  
Pat  
Samantha  
Robert & Jean  
Nancy

Muriel  
Kate  
Kat  
Jack  
Jarka  
Joe & family  
The Aydemir Family  
Crystal

Deb W.  
Ted  
Robert G.  
Joanne  
Jenna  
Teresa & Ed  
Zoe

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