

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost *September 24, 2023*
Season of Creation

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 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). 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 Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Greeters: Ann McLaren, Karyn Lehmann

Crucifer: Heather Lee

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

Readers: John McLaren, Margaret Walker

Gospel: Jim Harlick

Intercessor: Sarah Kell

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Graeme Brown,

Nancy Baal, Lorraine Gates

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Char Hodgkins, Director

Amiel Elfert, Organist

Mass setting: Sumsion in F

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Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (CP 380)

HANOVER



1. **O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**
2. **O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**
3. **The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**
4. **Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

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5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Text: Robert Grant (1779-1838).

Music: Melody and bass – William Croft (1678-1727).

Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

All: you've called us to be your family
and to celebrate our life together in worship.
We pray for all the members of our Church family,
here and absent, old and young, near and far.
Bless each of us, in fun and learning,
in friendship, and love. Amen.

Gathering

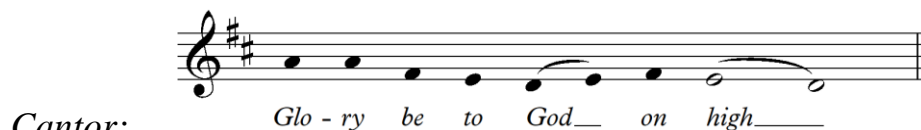
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

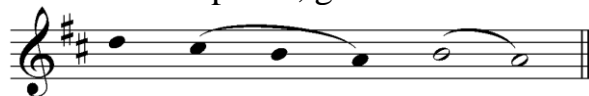
Almighty God,

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



Cantor: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



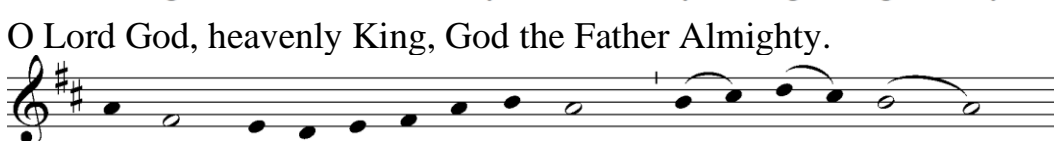
Cantor: We bless you.



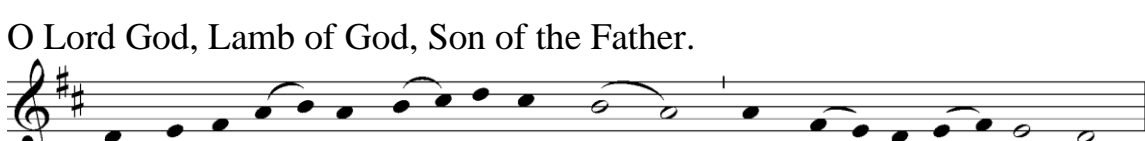
Cantor: We glorify you.



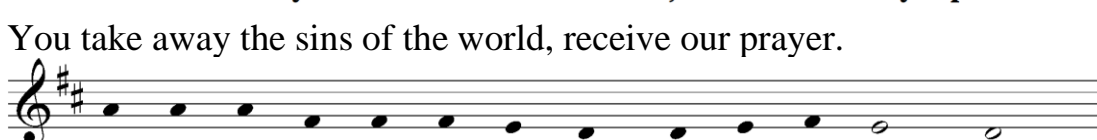
Cantor: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



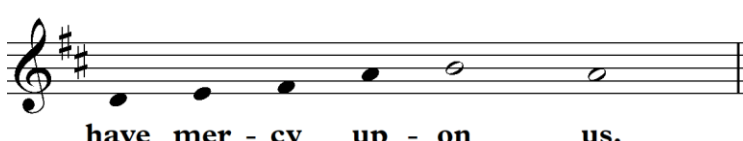
Cantor: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.



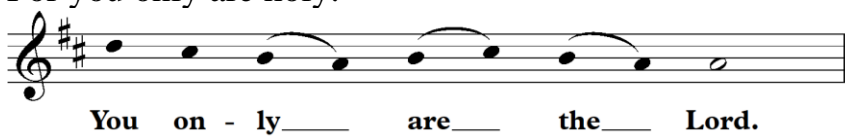
Cantor: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



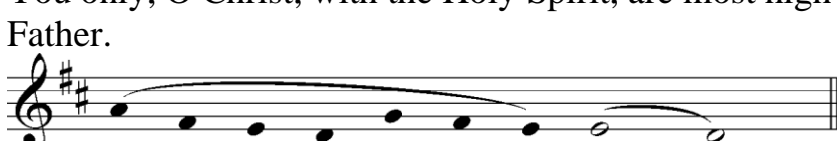
Cantor: have mercy upon us.



Cantor: For you only are holy.



Cantor: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



All: A - - - men.

Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

O God, from your providing hand
even the dissatisfied and grumbling
receive what they need for their lives.
Teach us your ways of justice
and lead us to practise your generosity,
so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel
made known through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

105:1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to GOD and call upon GOD's Name; * make known GOD's deeds
among the peoples.
Sing to GOD, sing praises to GOD, * and speak of all their marvelous works.
Glory in GOD's holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek GOD rejoice.
Search for GOD and GOD's strength; * continually seek GOD's face.
Remember the marvels GOD has done, * GOD's wonders and the judgments of
their mouth,
O offspring of Abraham GOD's servant, * O children of Jacob GOD's chosen.
GOD led out GOD's people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not
one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.
GOD spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared, * and GOD satisfied them with bread from heaven.
GOD opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered God's holy word * and Abraham God's servant.
So God led forth God's people with gladness, * God's chosen with shouts of joy.
God gave God's people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of
others' toil,
That they might keep God's statutes * and observe God's laws. Hallelujah!

Text: 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
After the Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 177)

BEACH HAVEN



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.

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The Gospel
Before the Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16



Cantor: God has spoken to us through their Son, through whom the worlds were created.



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.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (CP 44)

NETTLETON



1. I believe in God almighty,
Author of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.

2. I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried—
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.

3. I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.

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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 sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

We don't pass an offertory plate at St. John's, but we are grateful for your support of our ministry in the centre of Victoria. If you would like to contribute financially, there are a few ways you can do so - there is a QR code on page 2 of the leaflet which takes you to our Canada Helps page, and there is a donation box by the Garden door. Also, there is a collection plate at each entrance for people to leave their offering or blue envelope in. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the office.

Offertory Anthem

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno.

Gloria tibi Domine, Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, [O Lord]; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Glory to you O Lord, Amen.

Text: Psalm 144

Music: June Nixon (b. 1942)

Hymn at the Presentation (SNC 92)

TEAGUE



**In sacred manner may we walk
upon the fair and loving earth
in beauty move, in beauty love
the living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground.
We stand on holy ground.**

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Prayer over the Gifts

God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

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.

First Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation

Anglican Church in South Africa

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.

You spoke the Word
and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came
to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements,
and you brought forth life in forms innumerable,
including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.
As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you.
As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the
warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation
given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share
that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures
both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and forever 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.*

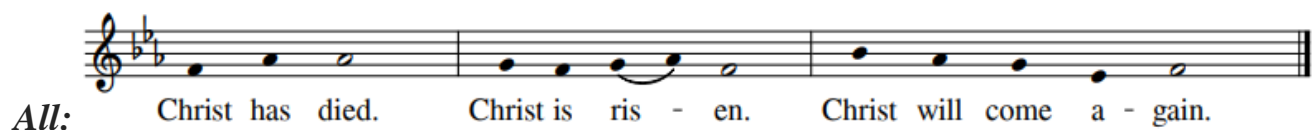
On the night that Jesus was betrayed,
he took bread, work of human hands,
gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God.

He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.
He gave it to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body which
is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands,
gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator.

He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood.
He gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins.

Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.
So we proclaim the mystery of faith:



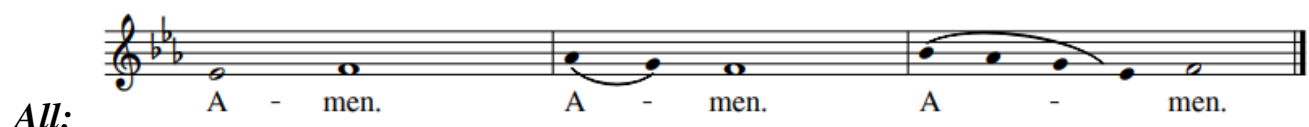
Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation;
we who need reconciliation one with another;
we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery.
In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again.
In the breaking, there is an opening up;
in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing;
in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts,
for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen.
Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit
who first moved upon the waters of the deep.
Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.
Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son,
your Word made flesh.

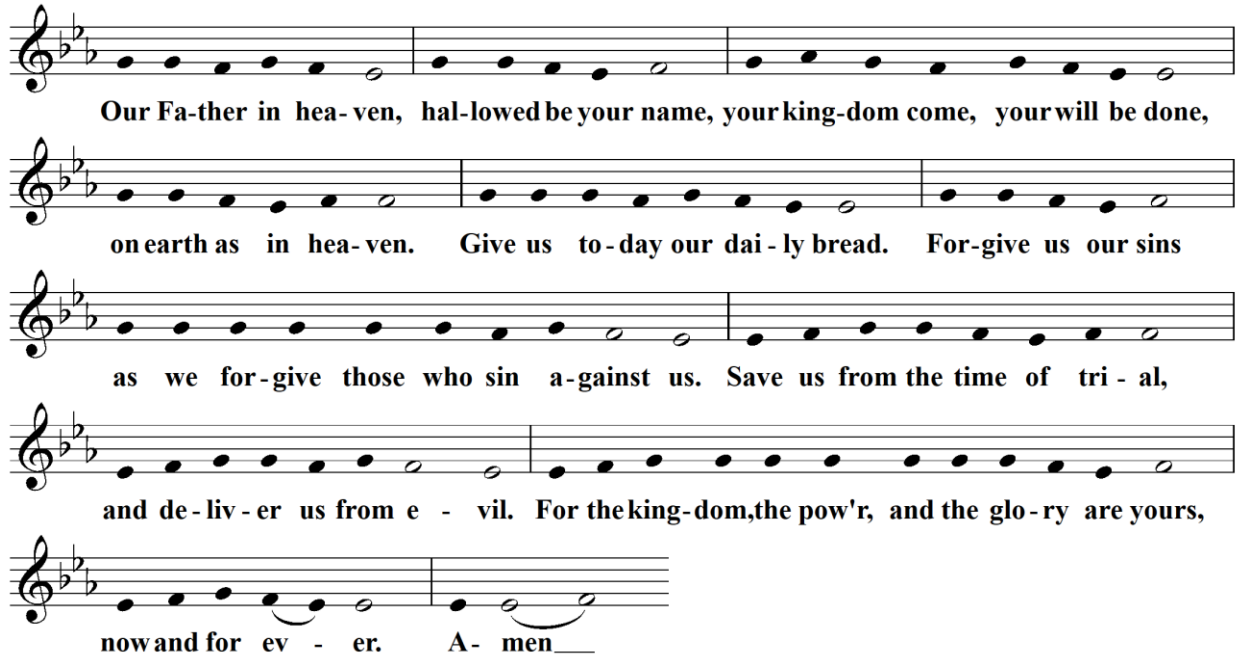
By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit,
with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe,
we stand before you and worship you, God of all,
in songs of everlasting praise,

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.**



The Disciple's Prayer

Priest: 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.

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

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 mei. Amen.

*Hail the true body,
born of the maiden Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for humankind.
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 on me. Amen.*

Text: Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

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

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.



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| <p>1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.</p> <p>2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.</p> | <p>3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command
and offer all my works to thee.</p> <p>4. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5. for thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.</p> |
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Voluntary *Komm, Gott Schöpfer (BWV 667)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us on Zoom or stay in the church for refreshments – all are welcome.

Soul Space

Informal Worship with a Celtic Flavour

Sunday, September 24

6:00 pm

in the Walking Together Chapel

Readings for October 1st – The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7 Moses strikes rock to supply water for the murmuring, faultfinding Israelites.

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 The wonderful works of God are praised, including the care of the Israelites during the Exodus and wilderness wanderings.

Philippians 2:1-13 The community at Philippi is experiencing some dissension, and Paul encourages all to conform to the “mind of Christ.”

Matthew 21:23-32 Jesus invites the chief priests and elders to reconsider where God is at work and what faithfulness looks like.

Flowers

The flowers today are given in loving memory of our parents:
Poppe Bosma & Feikje Wierda and Harmen deJong & Gepke Visser
and with gratitude for our family, from Douwe and Jessie.



The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Charlotte
Jenna
Bill
Zoe
Deb & Kate
Amelia & family
Peggy
Grace
Cornelia

Robert G.
Joe & family
Doug & Val
Patrick
Hannah
Lisa
Nancy, Lisa & Erin
Bob & Diana
Gordon

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