

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

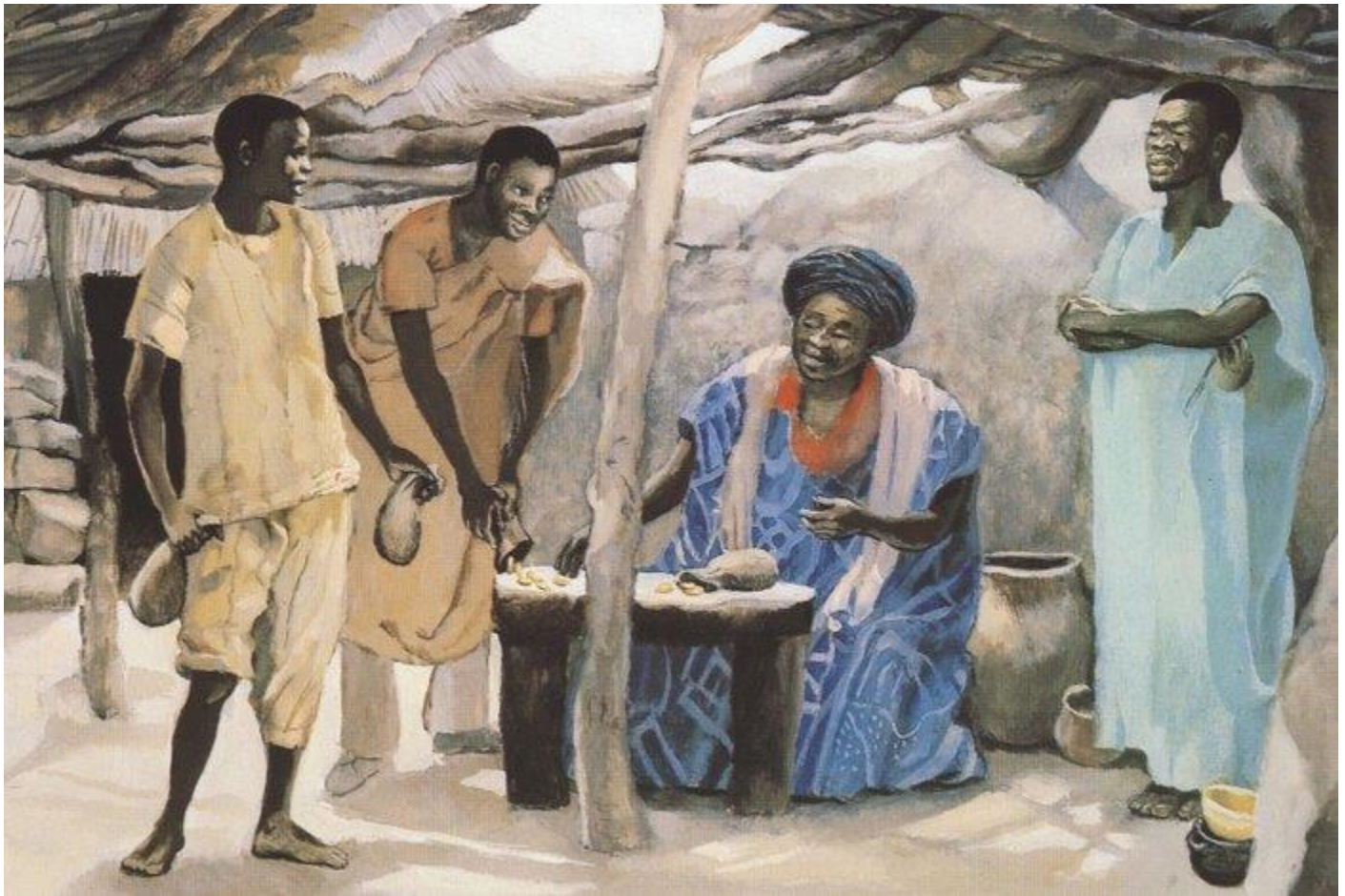
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost *November 19, 2023*

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 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 10:00am (Holy Eucharist), 4:30pm (BCP Evensong) and 6:00pm (Soul Space - last Sunday of the month) 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 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 Very Reverend Ansley Tucker

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker

Greeters: Marilyn Moody, David Buckman

Crucifer: Susanna Peterson

Sacristan: Penny Holt

Readers: Margaret Walker, Carol-Ann Zenger

Gospel: Lorraine Gates

Intercessor: Sarah Kell

Sermon: The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,
Iris Elsdon, Barbara Jenks

Verger: Douwe Bosma

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

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

Setting: Antonio Lotti ((1667-1740)
Messa del Primo Tuono

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Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (Hymnal 1982 #598)

MIT FREUDEN ZART



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| <p>1. Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth,
upon a cross they bound thee,
and mocked thy saving kingship then
by thorns with which they crowned thee:
and still our wrongs may weave thee now
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,
and robe of sorrow round thee.</p> <p>2. O awful Love, which found no room
in life where sin denied thee,
and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
the powers which crucified thee,
till not a stone was left on stone,
and all those nations pride o'er thrown,
went down to dust beside thee!</p> | <p>3. New advent of the love of Christ,
shall we again refuse thee,
till in the night of heat and war
we perish as we lose thee?
From old unfaith our souls release
to see the kingdom of thy peace,
by which alone we choose thee.</p> <p>4. O wounded hands of Jesus,
build in us thy new creation;
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
we wait thy revelation:
O love that triumphs over loss,
we bring our hearts before thy cross,
to finish thy salvation.</p> |
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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.**

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and peace to his people on earth.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>almighty God and Father,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>we praise you for your glory.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us;</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer;</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>you who are seated at the right hand of the</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>Father: have mercy on us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>
Tu solus Altissimus,	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
Iesu Christe.	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

O God,
from whose abundance
all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed:
give us courage to use our talents
as generously as you have given them,
so that, being faithful to your purpose,
we may share in your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

123

To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to GOD our God, * until God show us their mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O GOD, have mercy, * for we have had more than enough
of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



2. Christ be the source of all our deeds,
the life our living shares;
the fount which flows from worlds above
to never-failing springs of love;
the ground of all our prayers.

3. Christ be the goal of all our hopes,
the end to whom we come;
guide of each pilgrim Christian soul
which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,
our many-mansioned home.

4. Christ be the vision of our lives,
of all we think and are;
to shine upon our spirits' sight
as light of everlasting light,
the bright and morning star.

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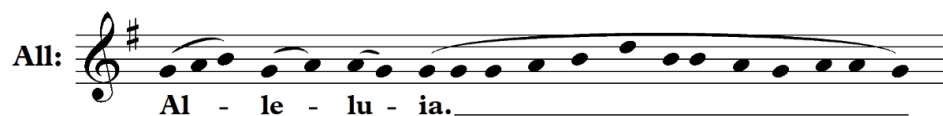
The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia.



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

The Iona Community

With the whole church

**All: We affirm
that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere

**All: We affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation

**All: We celebrate
the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

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.



1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store—
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious Donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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Prayer over the Gifts

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world be
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.

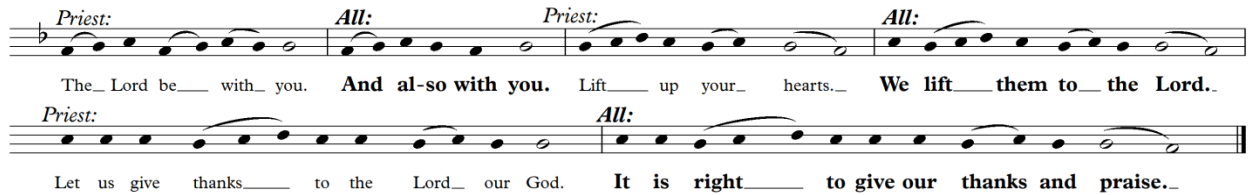
All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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

Eucharistic Prayer 1 The Scottish Episcopal Church (altd.)



Worship and praise belong to you, Loving 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 and Benedictus (sung by the choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
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.

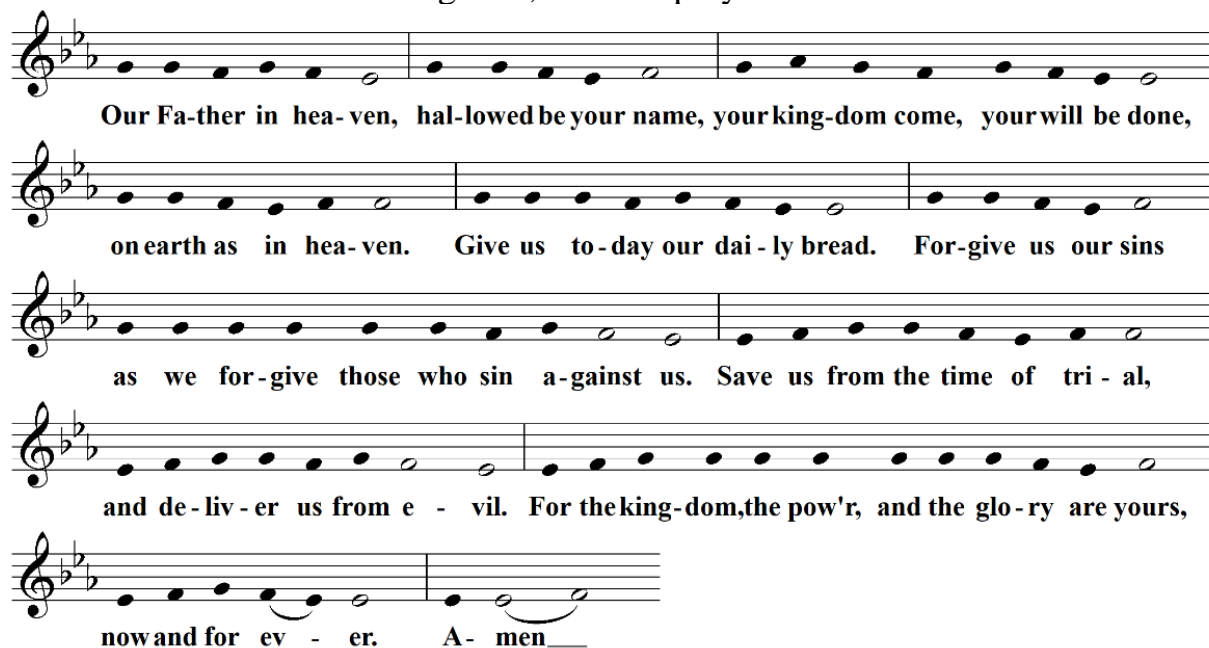
Help us, who are welcomed into the
community of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of Mary, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our siblings living and departed.

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 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. As it is considered unsafe, 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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

Anthem during Communion

O, sing unto the Lord
Unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord
All the whole earth
Sing unto the Lord and praise His name
Be telling of His salvation from day to day
O, sing unto the Lord...
For he cometh to judge the earth
And with righteousness to judge the world and the people with his truth
O, sing unto the Lord...

Text: Ps, 96:1-2
Music: James MacMillan (b. 1959)

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

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our 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.**

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 497)

SONG 1



- 1. Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
Guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

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2. We are of thee, the children of thy love,
 companions of thy well-belovèd Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
 into our hearts that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
 as one with him, our pattern and our friend.
3. We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
 one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that rises into song,
 one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,
one in the power that makes thy children free
 to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.
4. O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
 thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
 we ask no victories that are not thine:
give us the shield of faith that we may be
 steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.

Text: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

Voluntary *Praeludium in e*

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Please join us on Zoom or stay and join us for refreshments at the back of the church.
All are welcome.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 89:20-30; 1 Kings 1:15-40; Revelation 1:4-18

Leader: Ann Barry

Music: A Quartet of Choristers & Organist

Canticles: Healey Willan, Fauxbourbons; Responses: Margaret Woodley

Anthem: Never weather-beaten sail – Thomas Campion

Readings for November 26 – The Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 In spite of living when his country was invaded, Jerusalem destroyed, and his people exiled, Ezekiel offers a message of hope.

Psalms 100 God is joyfully thanked for being both creator and shepherd now and forever.

Ephesians 1:15-23 Members of the Church are Christ's body in the world, and it is crucial they realize their power and purpose.

Matthew 25:31-46 Here is invitation for acts of compassion, to be transformed into experiences of God's presence.

Flowers

With gratitude for everyday blessings, from Barbara Jenks.



The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Charlotte	Robert G.	Joe & family
Heather	Lorraine	Gary
Kat & John	Lisa	Jane
Chris	Sid	Anthony
Kris Henrikson	Friedel	Jim & Melinda
Thea	Editha	Peter
Sr. Brenda	Deb	Kate
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