

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

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 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.

Services at St. John's are: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist – with choir (on hiatus until September 14th) and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong – on hiatus until September 7th)** 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. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion), which is available at the garden door entrance. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office. 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 Reverend Stephanie Wood

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Greeters: Nancy Baal, Bill Williamson

Crucifer: Terry Needham

Sacristan: Duane Lecky

Readers: Sarah Kell, Christine Scott

Gospel: Lorraine Gates

Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Intercessor: David Buckman

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,

Susan Fraser, Graeme Brown

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Organist: David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (NEP 644)

THAXTED



- 1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**
- 2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.**

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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 (CP 366)

PSALM 42

1. Glo - ry in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ the world's re - deem - er, Lamb of God, for sin - ners given,
Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing to the source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,
now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

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The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Inviting God,
laying open your table to those without status or power,
and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted:
Overturn our tables of power
and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands;
through Jesus Christ, the one given for all.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm (*congregation please say the verses in bold*)

81:1, 10-16

Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am GOD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their
own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!

I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate GOD would cringe before GOD, * and their punishment would
last for ever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy them with honey
from the rock.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaption 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

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 592)

FULDA



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| <p>1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where cries of tribe and race resound,
amid the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, your word of love is found.</p> | <p>4. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long the multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.</p> |
| <p>2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.</p> | <p>5. O Jesus, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain.
Among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.</p> |
| <p>3. From children's wounded helplessness,
from men and women's grief and toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.</p> | <p>6. Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.</p> |

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The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Before the Gospel:

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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 the offertory plate at St. John's, but we are grateful for your support of our ministry and heritage building. There are several ways you can contribute financially. You may use the QR code printed on page 2 of this leaflet to contribute via Canada Helps (tax receipt included). There is a donation box by the garden door entrance and collection plates at the front and back entrances for people to leave offerings or envelopes. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion), which is available at the garden door entrance. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office.

Offertory Hymn (CP 60)

LAND OF REST



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| 1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me. | 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends. |
| 2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread. | 4. The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here. |
| 5. Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one. | |

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another
that your love may be made perfect in us.
We ask this in the name 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and might, Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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!

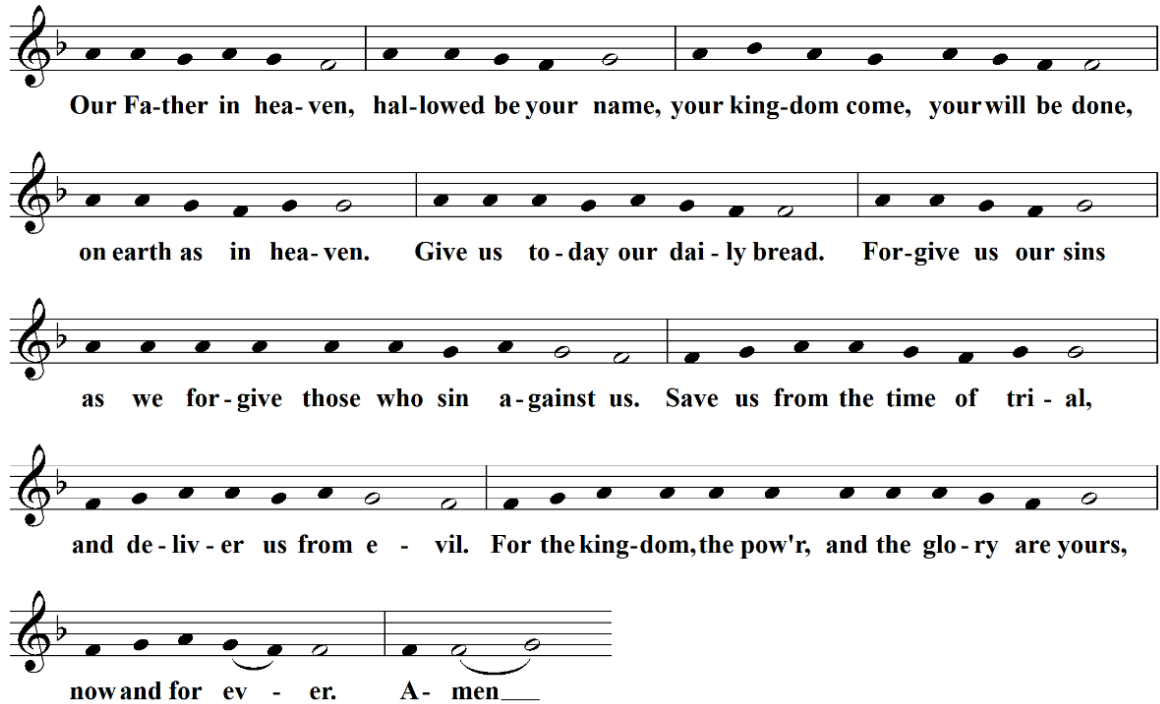
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

The Disciple's Prayer

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-gainst 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

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.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

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

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 482)

BEACH SPRING



1. Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.
Refrain
Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.

2. Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin.
Refrain

3. Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame.
Refrain

4. Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share.
Refrain

**5. Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.
*Refrain***

**6. Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King.
*Refrain***

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Voluntary

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

Flowers

Given in memory of my parents, Leslie & Dorothy Copland –
they were exceptional role models for life, from Mary Copland Kennedy.



BLUE ENVELOPE FOR AUGUST: Victoria Native Friendship Centre

The mandate of VNFC is "To encourage and promote the well-being of Urban Aboriginal People, by strengthening individuals, family, and community." Beginning their work in 1969, the Centre has become a vital resource for urban Indigenous individuals and families, and is strategically positioned to play a major role in the development and implementation of urban Indigenous governance on southern Vancouver Island.

Readings for September 7th – The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11 The prophet compares the people of Israel to a faulty pot that the potter scraps at the wheel and starts to build over again.

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17 Knowledge of God's intimate love fills the psalmist with wonder.

Philemon 1-21 Paul writes to his friend Philemon, asking him to take back into his household an escaped slave, Onesimus, who has become a follower of Christ while in the same prison as Paul.

Luke 14:25-33 Jesus urges his followers not to act on impulse, to think through their decision to follow him.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Charles & Frances
Justin
Jan
Anne
Marie
Margaret
Jane
Samantha
Zoe
Chris & Deb

Val & family
Carin & David
Nancy B.
Moses
Deb
Laurel
Gary
Jill & family
Sue G.
Dawson & family
Bob & Irene

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