

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The Reign of Christ

November 23, 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.



Cranach, Lucas, 1472-1553. Christ on the Cross Between the Two Thieves, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57236> [retrieved November 20, 2025]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cranach_il_vecchio,_calvario,_1515-20.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 in 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 and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** 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) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. 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 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 Stephanie Wood

Greeters: David Buckman, Erin Kelly

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Ann Barry

Readers: Al Lehmann, Marilynn Mincey

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Gates,

Iris Elsdon, Nancy Baal

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director

Setting: Mass in A minor – Imogen Holst (1907-1984)

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this service, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (CP 378)

DIADEMATA



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| <p>1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.</p> <p>2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.</p> | <p>3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.</p> <p>4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.</p> |
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Text: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.
Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

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 *(sung by the choir)*

Mass in A minor – Imogen Holst

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

Silence is kept.

God of unbroken weakness,
you scorn our lust for power.
Keep us faithful to Jesus Christ,
crucified and victorious,
in whose authority we dare to speak your truth,
even in the face of injustice and death.

All: Amen.

Propers Working Group (2016)

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19 (CP 12)

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| 1. We bless you, God of Israel;
you come to set your people free.
In Jesus born of David's line,
salvation springs for all to see. | 3. This child will go before the Lord,
the vanguard of Messiah's way,
preaching forgiveness full and free—
the prelude to God's perfect day. |
| 2. You promised through the prophet's word
to save your people from their foes;
in freedom they will worship you,
fearless, delivered from their woes. | 4. Your tender love, like early dawn,
heralds the day of endless peace;
the darkness of death's shadow fades;
your justice reigns, and will not cease. |

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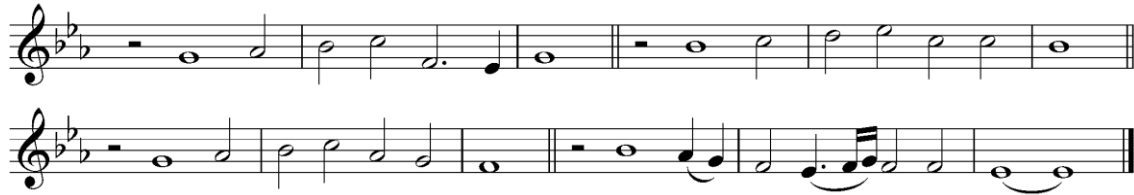
The Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. Morning glory, starlit sky,
soaring music, scholar's truth,
flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
memory's treasure, grace of youth:
2. Open are the gifts of God,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavour, love's expense.
3. Love that gives, gives evermore,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all, its all expends.
4. Drained is love in making full,
found in setting others free,
poor in making many rich,
weak in giving power to be.
5. Therefore he who shows us God
helpless hangs upon the tree;
and the nails and crown of thorns
tell us what God's love must be.
6. Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

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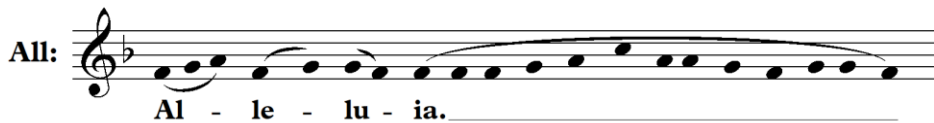
The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our
father David that is coming! Mark 11:9, 10



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

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,

All: who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, adapted by Keld B. Hansen, 2009, as provided in "Listen to the Voice of Creation," *Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2022*, 33.

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) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office.



1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation,
 hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now;
 alleluia! he is near us,
 faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 "I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
 thou on earth our food, our stay;
 alleluia! here the sinful
 flee to thee from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own;
 alleluia! born of Mary,
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 robed in flesh, our great high priest;
 thou on earth both priest and victim
 in the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation
 hath redeemed us by his blood.

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
 Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
 ourselves, our time and our possessions.
 Use us, and what we have gathered,
 in feeding the world with your love,
 through the one who gave himself for us,
 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

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:

Sanctus

Mass in A minor – Imogen Holst

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
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 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.

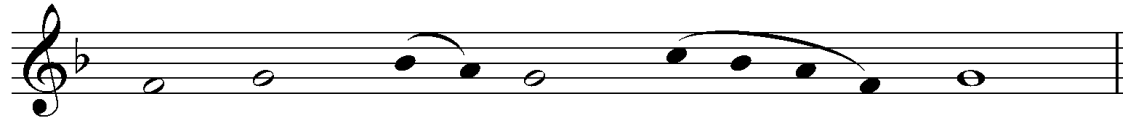
Therefore we proclaim our hope.
**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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

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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.

Benedictus

Mass in A minor – Imogen Holst

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

Mass in A minor – Imogen Holst

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.*

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

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.



1. **Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!**
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!
2. **Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!**
Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!
3. **Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!**
Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!
4. **Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!**
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!
5. **So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,**
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

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Voluntary

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



Sunday Reflections will be held in the Walking Together Chapel following coffee hour.

Choral Evensong

today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 72; 1 Samuel 8:4-20; John 18:33-37

Officiating: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Thomas Tallis / Matthew Larkin; Canticles: Arnold in A

Anthem: Jesu Rex admirabilis – G.P. daPalestrina

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my Mom on her 100th birthday,
from Nancy Baal.

Readings for November 30th – The 1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 A vision of peace is offered for all nations and all peoples.

Psalm 122 Sung by pilgrims to Jerusalem, this psalm praises God for peace, unity and security.

Romans 13:11-14 Paul urges his readers to wake up, to realize that salvation is very near—the time awaited is about to arrive.

Matthew 24:36-44 Be watchful: when least expected, God breaks in.

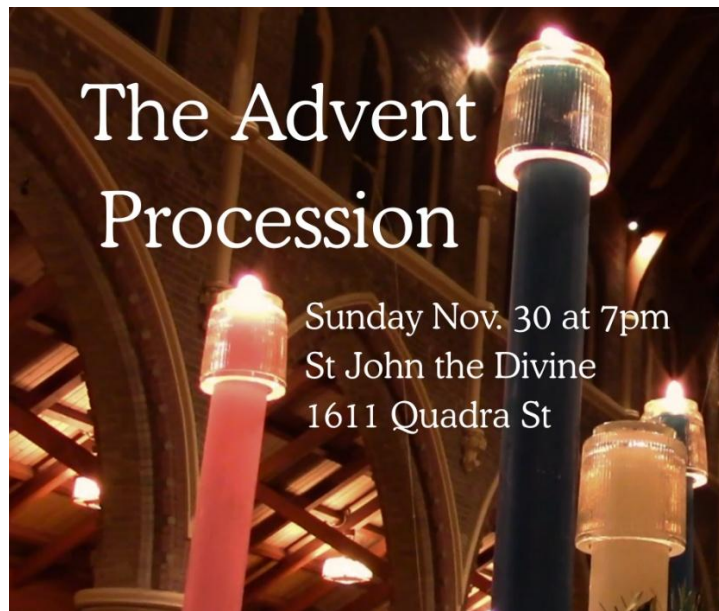
The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Carin & David
Nancy B.
Zoe
Claire
Kate
Annabelle
Nancy
Ian
Peter D.

Jill & family
Paul C-S.
Mallory
Andrew
Christopher
Paula
Mary K.
Joanne
Mary
Vorna & family
Mike & family

Charles & Frances
Justin
Jane
John & Pat
Judy
Deb
Pete
Samantha
Mike
Marion



The Church's year starts on Sunday, November 30th, marked with this dramatic and moving liturgy of music and readings at 7pm, featuring the Choristers of St John the Divine. The service explores the themes of Advent - darkness, light, hope, endings, and beginnings - through a series of 'sequences' based around the mystery of the Eternal, the Promise of the Kingdom, John the Baptist the Forerunner of Christ, the Incarnation, and the Coming Again.

Music this year, in addition to the ancient chants of the O antiphons and congregational Advent hymns, will include:

- Third Song of Isaiah (David Stratkauskas)
- O Virtus Sapientiae (Hildegard of Bingen)
- O Radiant Dawn (James MacMillan)
- A Prayer to St John the Baptist (Cecilia McDowall)
- Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Sergei Rachmaninoff)
- Sanctus from the Mass in A minor (Imogen Holst)
- E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come (Paul Manz)
- Advent O Carol (Joanna Forbes l'Estrange)

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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