

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

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 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 Reverend Pam Worthington

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Bill Williamson, Christine Scott

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

Readers: Margaret Walker, Barry Salter

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Reverend Pam Worthington

Intercessor: David Buckman

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Gerry Melville, Graeme Brown

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Oriel Chapman, Organist

Char Hodgkins, Conductor

Setting: *Mass for Four Voices* - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

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

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn (CP 319)

NATIVITY



1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb!” our lips reply,
“for he was slain for us.”

3. Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, forever thine!

4. Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb!

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: Henry Lahee (1826-1912).

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)*

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.

Steadfast God,
you have enriched and enlightened us
by the revelation of your eternal Christ.
Strengthen us to walk the path of his teaching,
so that by word and deed and in the power of the Spirit
we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

We sit for the Reading and the Psalm

The First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

40:1-12

I waited patiently upon GOD; * GOD stooped to me and heard my cry.
GOD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * and set my feet
upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
GOD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see,
and stand in awe, and put their trust in GOD.
Happy are they who trust in GOD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to
false gods.
Great things are they that you have done, O GOD my God! how great your
wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared
with you.
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than
I can count.
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears
to hear you);
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said,
"Behold, I come."
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my
God; your law is deep in my heart.'"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O GOD, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are GOD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe 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. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

Gradual Hymn (CP 430)

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and ever be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me.

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell (1949-).

Music: Melody – Scottish trad.; arr. John L. Bell (1949-).

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We remain standing
The Gospel
Before the Gospel

John 1:29-42



Cantor: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him, he gave power to become children of God. See John 1



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

Please stand as able

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 remain standing

Offertory Hymn (CP 455)

REPTON



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| <p>1. Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.</p> <p>2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee!</p> | <p>3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!</p> <p>4. Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.</p> <p>5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.</p> |
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Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

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.

Please stand as able

The Great Thanksgiving

Scottish Liturgy 1978 revised 2022 - Incarnation

The... Lord be___ with_ you. **All:** And al-so with you. 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._

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
From of the chaotic waters you brought all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only begotten Son,
you have revealed yourself to the world.
By the leading of a star, you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel;
that in following him, we are led
from darkness into his marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit,
who descended upon your Son
at his Baptism in the Jordan,
we who are baptised in his name
strive for his heavenly kingdom
in whose radiance we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

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 (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 Creator.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on the one in whom you are well pleased.

Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,
Jesus proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.
The blind received their sight, the lame walked,
the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free.
At his word, water became wine,
the hungry were filled with bread,
and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work
for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples, he 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 Christ, we offer you these gifts
 and with them ourselves,
 a single, holy, living sacrifice.
 Hear us, most merciful God,
 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 baptised into the
 fellowship 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,
 Lord of all ages, world without end.



All: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

The Disciple's Prayer

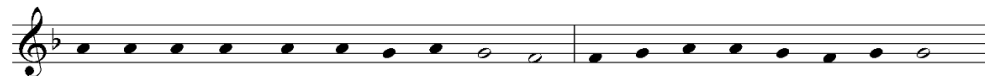
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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 (sung by the choir)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>the world, have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of</i>
dona nobis pacem.	<i>the world, grant us peace.</i>

Anthem

Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice:
Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name:
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.

Text: William Blake (1757-1827)
Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Please stand as able

One body are we.

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

Prayer after Communion

Of 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)

The Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (NEH 476)

PADERBORN



1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad God's wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
Whose kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still God is nigh, their presence we have:
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

please turn page for v. 4



4. **Then let us adore, and give God their right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: Paderborn Gesangbuch, 1765.

Please be seated
Voluntary

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



Sunday Reflections will be held in the Denson Lounge
starting about 15 minutes after the service ends.

Flowers

In the absence of a dedication, the flowers are provided by an anonymous donation.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 96; Ezekiel 2:1—3:4; John 1:43-51

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quintet

Responses: William Smith; Canticles: Tones and Fauxbourdons – William Byrd

Anthem: Ave Virgo Sanctissima – Francisco Guerrero

Readings for January 25th – The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 In a time of political insecurity Isaiah declares the light of God's promised redemption already shining.

Psalms 27:1, 5-13 While facing hostility and fear, the psalmist expresses confidence and trust in God.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Paul exhorts the Corinthians to realize the unity that has eluded them.

Matthew 4:12-23 The presence of God in Jesus is imaged as light, a light that attracts disciples as it spreads good news.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck	Jill & family	Charles & Frances
Paul C-S.	Nancy B.	Mallory
Jane	Zoe	John & Pat
Claire	Nancy	Joanne
Vorna & family	Carolyn & family	Melinda J.
Emi B.	Mark S.	Rick & Sylvia B.
Joshua	Cat	Emily
Liz & family	Susan	Paul
James M.	Richard M.	Andrew
Brian T.	Samantha	Ian
Kate	Mike	Deb
Miranda	Laura	Marion
Gloria	Zola	Simon
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