

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 2nd Sunday in Lent *March 1, 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.



Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937. Nicodemus, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57924> [retrieved February 27, 2026].
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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 Reverend Pam Worthington

Greeters: Barbara Jenks, Christine Scott

Crucifer: Terry Needham

Sacristan: Terry Nedham

Readers: Karen Coverett, Sarah Kell

Gospel: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Reverend Pam Worthington

Intercessor: Erin Kelly

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,
Susan Fraser, Gary Moss

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Ben Groom

Music: The Community Choir
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 468)

THORNBURY



1. To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
“Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey,
for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”

2. From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God’s abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word,
“That you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”

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**3. We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness,
and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people
and I will be your God."**

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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.

Invitation to Confession

We are all called to healing and wholeness through the God who draws us close
and embraces us with love and strength.

We acknowledge our broken relationship with the earth, with one another, with
God, and with ourselves, as we pray.

Silence

Please stand as you are able.

During lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son. Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.

The Priest reminds us of God's love and forgiveness.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Holy God,
whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking:
Transform the night-time of our fear
into a welcoming womb for us and all the world;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew.

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.

Please sit for the Reading and the Psalm.

The First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. **Unto the hills around do I lift up
my longing eyes:
O whence for me shall my salvation come,
from whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
from God the Lord, who heaven and earth hath made.**
2. **God will not suffer that thy foot be moved:
safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall God's eyelids close
who keepeth thee.
Behold, Our God, the Lord, who slumbereth ne'er,
who keepeth Israel with most holy care.**
3. **Jehovah is indeed thy keeper true,
and changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand
themselves hath made.
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.**
4. **From every evil shall God keep thy soul,
from every sin:
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
thy coming in.
Above thee watching, God whom we adore
shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for evermore.**

Text: Ps. 121; para. John Campbell, the Marquis of Lorne (1845-1914).
Music: Charles H. Purday (1799-1885).

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

After the Reading

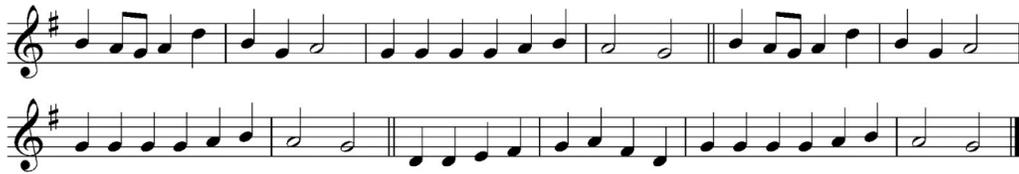
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 559)

LIEBSTER JESU



1. **Blessèd Jesus, at your word**
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord to love you solely.

2. **All our knowledge, sense, and sight**
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.

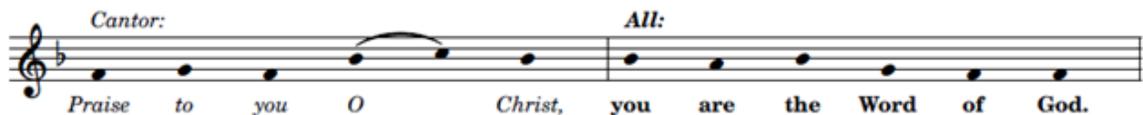
3. **Glorious Lord, yourself impart!**
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: Melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673), alt.; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

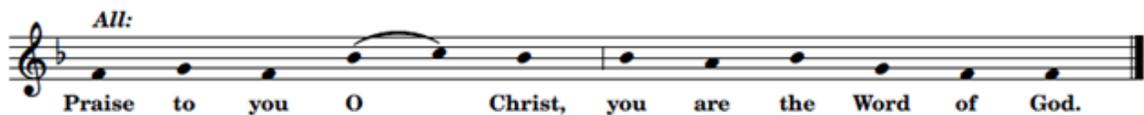
Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17



Cantor: The Lord is a great God; O that today you would listen to their voice; harden not your hearts.



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.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

All: Hear, O Israel:

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

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 you are 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

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn (CP 529)

MICHAEL



1. **God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
you alone
call my heart to be your own.**
2. **Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**
3. **Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand,
love takes stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.**
4. **God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.**
5. **Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call
one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.**

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680) tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
guide us to your glory.
We ask this in his name.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer V
Scottish Episcopal Church 1982 (revised 2002) altd.

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.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,

brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,

debts forgiven, and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live

as children in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power

follow the way of the Cross,

sharing the joy of his obedience,

now offer you our praise,

with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven

singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving God,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross,
Jesus' suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf sin had made.
Through that dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

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 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 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 Disciples' 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,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with 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

Cantor: *All:*
1, 2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have_ mer-cy on_ us.
Cantor: *All:*
3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: Grant_ us peace._

Motet (sung by the choir)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that
Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world
But that the world through him might be saved

Text and Music: John Goss (1800-1880)

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

Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 503)

DUKE STREET



- 1. Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy light;
lay hold on life and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**
- 2. Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek Christ's face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.**
- 3. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
Christ's boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**
- 4. Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near;
Who changeth not and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875).

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.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 135:1-14; Numbers 21:4-9; Luke 14:27-33

Officiant: Gary Moss

Preacher: Gary Moss

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Responses: Thomas Ebdon ; Canticles: Sarah Rimkus

Anthem: Remember Not – Henry Purcell

Readings for March 8th – The 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7 The Israelites have escaped from Egypt and are now wandering in the desert. Earlier they grumbled that they had no food, so God gave them the gift of manna. Now they begin to grumble again.

Psalms 95 God's care for God's people is celebrated.

Romans 5:1-11 Paul has argued that it was Abraham's faith that led God to find him worthy, rather than his obedience to a law. Now Paul tells of the results of the justification that comes through faith in Christ.

John 4:5-42 Jesus has left Judea to return to Galilee. His route takes him through the land of the Samaritans, with whom the Jews never enjoyed good relations.

Blue Envelope for March – Alongside Hope

Alongside Hope, formally known as the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), was established by the Anglican General Synod of Canada in 1959. The name reflects the agency's main program focus and philosophy. Alongside Hope provides for long-term development needs connected to most of the suffering caused by natural or human-provoked disasters.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Mallory
Vorna & family
Ronnie A. & family
Sue
Paul
James M.

Charles & Frances
Zoe
Carolyn & family
Tonja D.
Robyn
Amanda
Nancy
Jamie G.

Paul C-S.
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Kai & Chelsea
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