

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 2nd Sunday of Easter *April 12, 2026*

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 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.

Donations may be emailed to givings@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca If you are a new donor and wish a tax receipt, please include your mailing address in the comment section.

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 Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Bill Huzar, Christine Scott

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Judith Branion

Readers: Kate Newman, Ben Groom

Gospel: Carol Anne Harper

Intercessor: Mary Kennedy

Sermon: The Venerable Jenny Replogle

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Melville,

Nancy Baal, Iris Elsdon

Verger: David Pupak

Streaming Technician: Daphne Small

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director of Music

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Setting: Missa Simplex – Rihards Dubra (b.1964)

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.

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 228)

O FILII ET FILIAE

This line sung once at the beginning ONLY:

All verses start here:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 1. Beloved siblings, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!**
- 4. That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia!**
- 5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!**
- 6. "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
behold my hands, my feet," said he;
"not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!**
- 7. No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia!**
- 8. How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!**

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This line sung once at the beginning ONLY:

All verses start here:

**9. On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.**

Alleluia!

Text: Latin; attrib. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).
Music: Melody – *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, Paris, 1623.

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

All: May God fill our hearts with joy.

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 Father:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>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.

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked
no entrance barred:
Open the doors of our hearts,
so that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God, the Source of all life.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to GOD, "You are my Sovereign, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O GOD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless GOD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set GOD always before me; * because GOD is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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 Peter 1:3-9

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 244)

ST. BOTOLPH (CP 617)



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| <p>1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.</p> <p>2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"</p> | <p>3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:</p> <p>4. That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.</p> |
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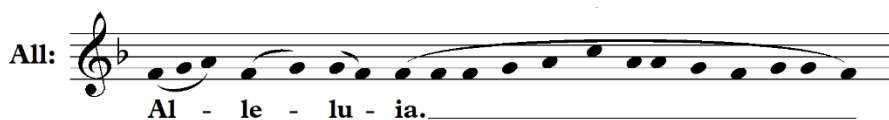
The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.



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 as you are able.

Affirmation of Faith (CP 44)

NETTLETON



1. **I believe in God almighty,
Author of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.**
2. **I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried—
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.**
3. **I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.**

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Musical & Poetical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, 1784, alt.
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Please sit, stand or kneel.

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 contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn (CP 237)

NOËL NOUVELET



- 1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need
through 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 remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer F

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Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* 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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;

*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.*

The Disciple's Prayer

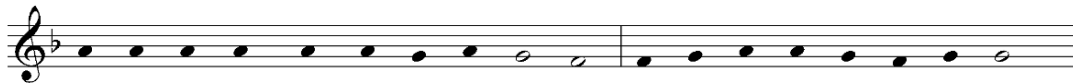
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

Anthem

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth.
The time of singing of birds is come.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

Text: Song of Solomon
Music: Eleanor Daley (b.1955)

The Commissioning of the Community

Please stand as you are able.

One body are we.

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

Prayer after Communion

Father,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

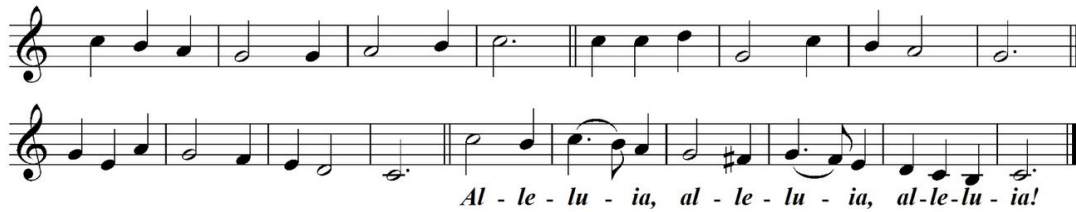
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Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



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| <p>1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2. The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let the earth rejoice and say:
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3. Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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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 30:1-5; Daniel 6:6-23; Mark 15:46—16:8

Officiant: Ann Barry

Preacher: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Philip FitzHugh Radcliffe; Canticles: J. Pachelbel / Plainsong

Anthem: Dum transisset Sabbatum – John Tavener

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God, and in thanksgiving for my loving parents,
 Malcolm and Dulcie Mary McCallum, from Judy.

Readings for April 19th – The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 34:1-10

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Blue Envelope for April is Rainbow Haven

Rainbow Haven is a ministry with deep roots at St. John the Divine. It provides safe, dignified temporary housing and practical support for LGBTQ+ refugees in countries of transit as they wait for a path to long-term safety. What began through relationships in our own parish has grown into a wider effort to help people who would otherwise be facing danger, homelessness, and profound isolation.

This month's special collection will support Rainbow Haven's work, including the ongoing costs of maintaining safe houses and providing basic necessities such as food and utilities. Your support helps create a place of safety and stability for people at a time of great vulnerability. Thank you for your generosity.

Email: rainbowhavensoc@gmail.com

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Bob & Irene S.
Maya
Charles & Frances
Carsen
Vorna & family
Jane
Rick & Sylvia
Laura
Deb
Robyn
Andrew

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