

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 5th Sunday of Easter *May 3, 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 Reverend Pam Worthington
Greeters: Susan Fraser, Karyn Lehmann
Crucifer: Terry Needham
Sacristan: Terry Needham
Readers: Judith Branion, Marilyn Mincey
Gospel: Jamie Lawson
Intercessor: Susan Banskrove
Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Graeme Brown,
Jessie Bosma, Virginia Miller
Verger: David Pupak
Streaming Technician: Ben Groom
Music: The Community Choir
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 239)

ST. ALBINUS



- 1. Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!**
- 2. Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!**
- 3. Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!**
- 4. Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!**

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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 (CP 702)

fine.
Glo - ry to God ___ in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. ___

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, almight - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you

thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God ___ in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. ___ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord

God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us; ___ you are

seat - ed at the right ___ hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive ___ our prayer. ___ *Glo - ry to*

God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the
 ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord. you a - lone are the most high, Je -
 - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 Repeat refrain 'Glory to God'
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

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The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Generous God,
 whose life is freely given
 in Jesus Christ our Lord:
 As you have opened for us
 your house of many rooms,
 so may we make a place
 for the rejected and unloved,
 and share in the work of peace;
 through Jesus Christ the cornerstone.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) 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

Proverbs 4:10-18

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

How shall a young person cleanse their way? * By keeping to your words.

With my whole heart I seek you; * let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your promise in my heart, * that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O GOD; * instruct me in your statutes.

With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

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 2:2-10

After the Reading

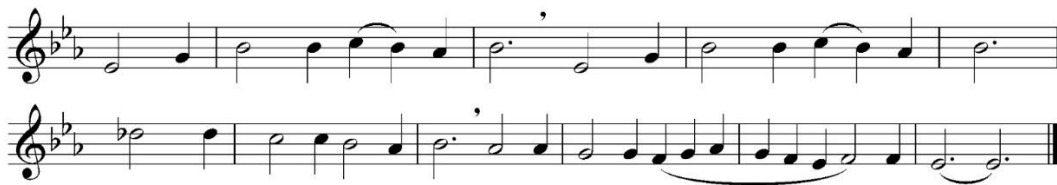
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 569)

THE CALL



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| <p>1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.</p> | <p>2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.</p> |
| <p>3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.</p> | |

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The Gospel

John 14:1-14

Before the Gospel:

Musical notation for the beginning of the Alleluia. It consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor:' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff is labeled 'All:' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The music is in 4/4 time and G major.

Cantor: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14:6*

Musical notation for the beginning of the Alleluia. It consists of one staff labeled 'All:' containing the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The music is in 4/4 time and G major.

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 (CP 354)



**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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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

Offertory Hymn (NEH 477)

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. **Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
Ye for whom a Corner-stone
Stands, of God elect and precious,
Laid that ye may build thereon,
See that on that sure foundation
Ye a living temple raise,
Towers that may tell forth salvation,
Walls that may re-echo praise.**
2. **Living stones, by God appointed
Each to their allotted place,
Sov'reigns, priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare God's grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.**
3. **Tell the praise of Christ who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.**

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, you show us your way
and give us your divine life.

May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer F

Common Worship: Prayers and Services from the Church of England

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.

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

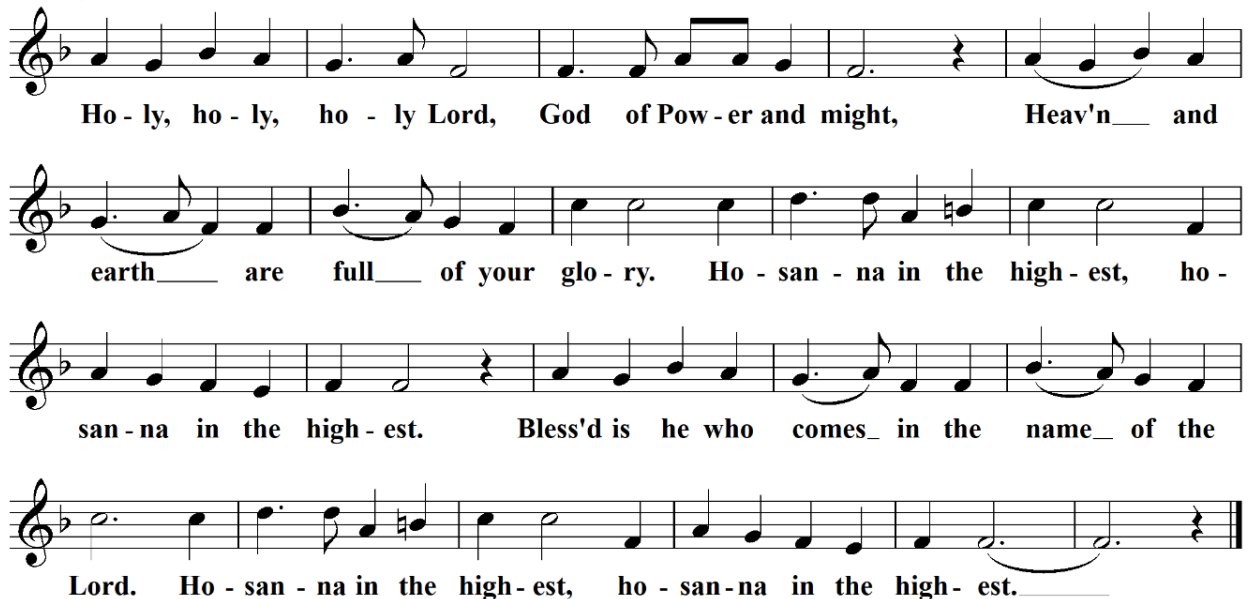
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

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 (CP 732)



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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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;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Creator, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, Creator God,
for ever and ever.



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The Disciples' Prayer

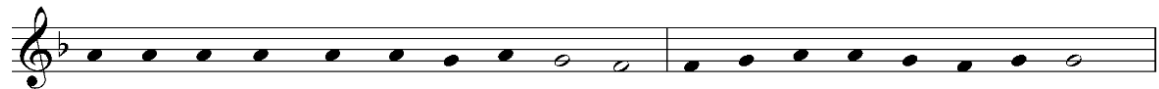
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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-against 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 (CP 745)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Anthem

May the Lord show Their mercy upon you
May the light of Their presence be your guide
May They guard you and uphold you
May Their spirit be ever by your side
When you sleep, may Their angels watch over you
When you wake, may They fill you with Their grace
May you love Them and serve Them all your days
Then in heaven may you see Their face

Text and Music: John Rutter (b.1945)

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

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Recessional Hymn (CP 300)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1. **Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**
2. **All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**
3. **To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**
4. **Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**
5. **Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.**

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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 147:1-12; Zechariah 4:1-10; Revelation 21:1-14

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

Responses: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange; Canticles: Philip Stopford

Anthem: Rise up my love – Healey Willan

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God for my Mum, Mamie, gone but never forgotten,
love Louise and family.

Readings for May 10th – The 6th Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 34:1-7a

Psalm 115

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Blue Envelope for May is the Victoria-Taiama Partnership



The Victoria-Taiama Partnership

This charitable project was co-founded by Eric Sama (a member of the congregation of the Church of St. John the Divine). It provides medicinal, educational, and cultural supports to the Taiama community in Sierra Leone. St. John's contributions have supported our maternal health program since 2011, with over 300 moms and babies having benefitted from the respectful prenatal, birthing and post natal care provided by our staff. The mothers particularly enjoy the "baby basket" of supplies (mosquito net, baby blanket, diapers, clothing, vitamins) provided by St. John's.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Bill
Vorna & family
Sue
Carol
James M.
Lisa

Charles & Frances
Zoe
Rick & Sylvia
Rand
Brian
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