

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 7th Sunday of Easter *May 17, 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 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: Louise Langman, Erin Kelly

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

Readers: David Buckman, Joel Durkovic

Gospel: Melanie Ihmels

Intercessor: Marilynn Mincey

Sermon: The Reverend Pam Worthington

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Graeme Brown,

Lorraine Gates, Nancy Baal

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Daphne Small

Music: Norma Kobald, Organist

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Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 247)

ASCENSION



- 1. Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! alleluia!**
- 2. There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**
- 3. Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!**
- 4. See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!**

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5. **Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleases, alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!**
6. **Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

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.

Risen, ascended Christ,
fill your church on earth with compassion,
so that all may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Isaiah 45:1-7

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Please speak the bold lines together.

21:1-7

The ruler rejoices in your strength, O GOD; * how greatly they exult in
your victory!

**You have given them their heart's desire; * you have not denied them the
request of their lips.**

For you meet them with blessings of prosperity, * and set a crown of fine gold
upon their head.

**They asked you for life, and you gave it to them: * length of days, for ever
and ever.**

Their honor is great, because of your victory; * splendor and majesty have you
bestowed upon them.

**For you will give them everlasting felicity * and will make them glad with the
joy of your presence.**

For the ruler puts their trust in GOD; * because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, they will not fall.

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.

After the Reading

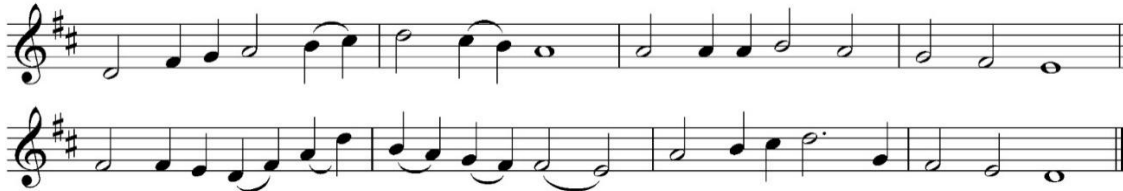
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 383)

DUKE STREET



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| <p>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.</p> | <p>3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.</p> <p>4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.</p> |
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Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: John Hatton (1710-1793).

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Before the Gospel:

Gospeller: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospeller: I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you. *John 14:18*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

Text: The Apostles' Creed; para. Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Para. © 1991 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

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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 302)

SONG 1



1. **O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
O, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**
2. **For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**
3. **We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**
4. **So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.**

Text: William Turton (1856-1938). Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

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

Common Worship: Prayers and Services from the Church of England

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 (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.

All: Amen.

The Disciples' Prayer

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

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.

Please be seated.

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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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

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.



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| <p>1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
 Your Lord and King adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing
 and triumph evermore.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 rejoice; again I say, rejoice!</p> | <p>3. His kingdom cannot fail;
 he rule o'er earth and heaven;
 the keys of death and hell
 are to our Jesus given.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 rejoice; again I say, rejoice!</p> |
| <p>2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
 the God of truth and love;
 when he had purged our stains,
 he took his seat above.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 rejoice; again I say, rejoice!</p> | <p>4. He sits at God's right hand
 till all his foes submit,
 and bow to his command,
 and fall beheath his feet.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 rejoice; again I say, rejoice!</p> |
| <p>5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
 Jesus, the judge, shall come
 and take his servants up
 to their eternal home.
 We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
 the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!</p> | |

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: John Darwall (1731-1789).

Voluntary

Fantasia on Ad coenam agni

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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 47; 2 Samuel 23:1-5; Ephesians 1:15-23

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses; Canticles: Fauxbourdons – Sydney Nicholson

Anthem: Viri Galilaei – Dulos Couillart

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Nancy Peterson, from Nancy Baal.



Readings for May 24th – The Day of Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

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
Ronnie A.
Jill & Gary G.
Brenda L.

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