

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost* *July 5, 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 Church of Canada, 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 organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong – returning in September)** 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](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: [www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](http://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](mailto: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.

**How to support us:** 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.

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Thank you for your support.



## 8:00 am Holy Communion

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*The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Preacher: Melanie Ihmels

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

*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.*

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## The Gathering

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

Processional Hymn (CP 425)

HYMN TO JOY



1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
    **God of glory, Lord of love;**  
    **hearts unfold like flowers before thee,**  
    **opening to the sun above.**  
    **Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,**  
    **drive the dark of doubt away;**  
    **giver of immortal gladness,**  
    **fill us with the light of day.**
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
    **earth and heaven reflect thy rays;**  
    **stars and angels sing around thee,**  
    **centre of unbroken praise.**  
    **Field and forest, vale and mountain,**  
    **flowery meadow, flashing sea,**  
    **chanting bird and flowing fountain**  
    **call us to rejoice in thee.**
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
    **ever blessing, ever blest,**  
    **wellspring of the joy of living,**  
    **ocean depth of happy rest!**  
    **Thou our Father and our Mother,**  
    **all who live in love are thine;**  
    **teach us how to love each other,**  
    **lift us to the joy divine.**

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Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867).  
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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 (CP 702)

*Please note the refrain is in italics.*

The musical score is written on six staves in a 3/8 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line ends with a double bar line and the word "fine." above it. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The fifth line ends with a double bar line. The sixth line ends with a double bar line.

*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.*

Almighty God,  
 your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
 that what we do for the least of your children  
 we do also for him.  
 Give us the will to serve others  
 as he was the servant of all,  
 who gave up his life and died for us,  
 but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## 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

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation, please read the section in **bold**.*

“Hear, O child; consider and listen closely; \* **forget your people and your parents’ house.**

The ruler will have pleasure in your beauty; \* **they are your leader; therefore do them honour.**

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \* **the rich among the people seek your favour.”**

All glorious is the royal child as they enter; **their gown is cloth-of-gold.**

In embroidered apparel they are brought to the ruler; \* **after them the wedding party follows in procession.**

With joy and gladness they are brought it, \* **and enter into the palace of the sovereign one.**

“In place of parents, O sovereign, you shall have heirs; \* **you shall make them governors over all the earth.**

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; \* **therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gradual Hymn (CP 508)

KINGSFOLD



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 “Come unto me and rest;  
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
 thy head upon my breast.”  
 I came to Jesus as I was,  
 so weary, worn, and sad;  
 I found in him a resting place,  
 and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 “Behold, I freely give  
 the living water; thirsty one,  
 stoop down and drink and live.”  
 I came to Jesus and I drank  
 of that life-giving stream;  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
 and now I live in him.

**3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk  
till travelling days are done.**

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

Music: Melody – English trad.; coll. Lucy Broadwood (1858-1929); adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

## The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Before the Gospel:*

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 sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.*

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.*

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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn (CP 354)

NETTLETON



1. **Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my God's unchanging love.**
2. **Here I make faith's affirmation:  
Thus far by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy compassion,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**
3. **O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.**

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.  
Music: *A Repository of Sacred Music: Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

God of heaven and earth,  
receive our sacrifice of praise,  
and strengthen us  
for the perfect freedom of your service,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

*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

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

*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.

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and singing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus (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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Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
When Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.  
On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  
Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our siblings.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

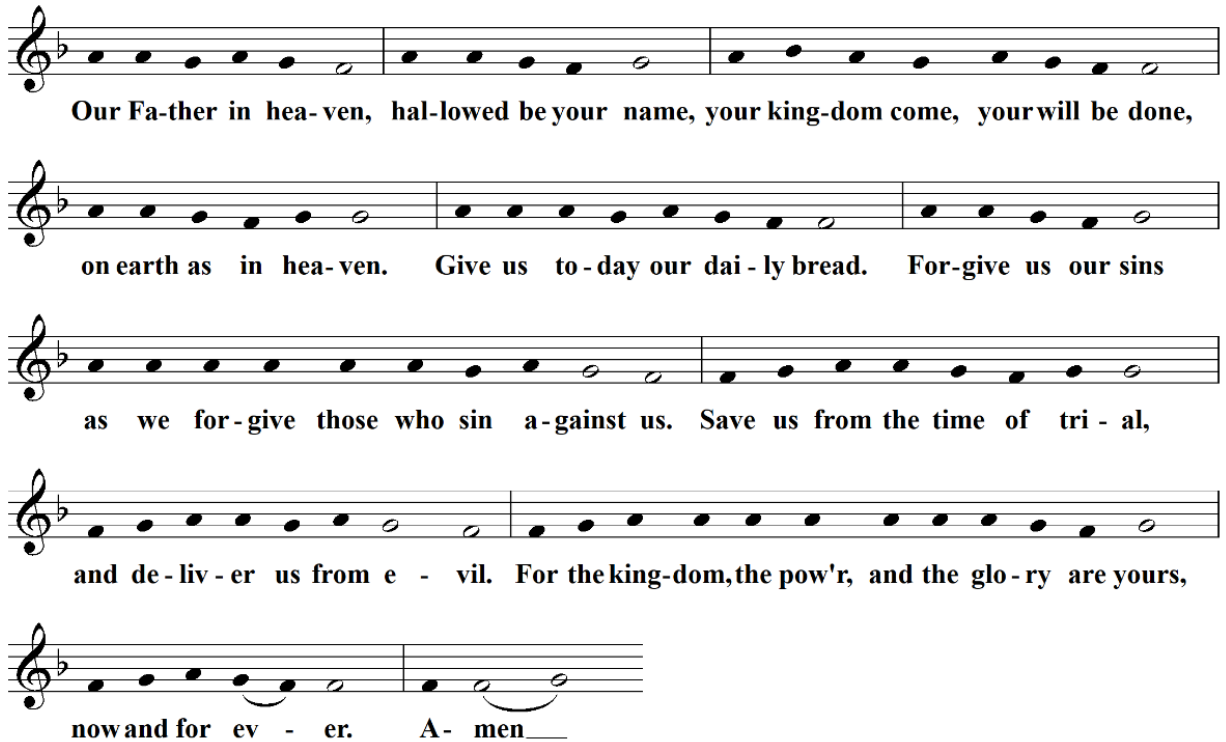
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life, now and for ever.



**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 to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

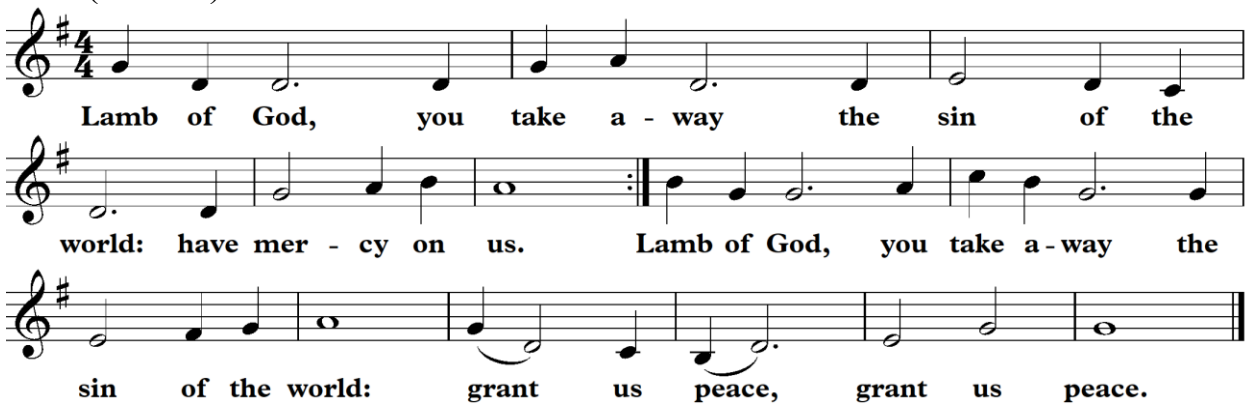
## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*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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*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.*

## Instrumental Music during Communion

*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

O God,  
may we who have shared in holy things  
never fail to serve you in your world,  
and so come to the fullness of joy,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Blessing

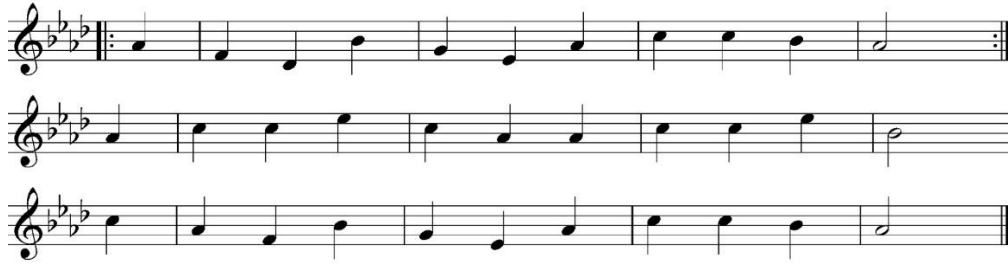
## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn (CP 393)

ST. DENIO



- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.**
- 4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.  
Music: Melody Welsh trad.; adapt. John Roberts of Henllan (1808-1876), *Caniadeau y Cyssegr*, 1839.  
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## Voluntary

Prayers are from The Book of Alternative Services © 1985 unless otherwise listed.

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.

## **Blue Envelope for July : Threshold Housing**

Threshold Housing Society was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Anglican parishioners to address the transitional housing needs of youth aged between 16 and 21 years who are at risk of homelessness. The Society provides supportive programming in the several homes it owns, and a new initiative which helps youth who are renters in private rooms or suites. Threshold Housing Society was incorporated as a charitable society under the BC Societies Act in March 1990.

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### **Flowers**

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Barry Jenks,  
our dear and loving husband and father, from Barbara and Timothy Jenks.

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### **Readings for July 12<sup>th</sup> – The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Acts 11:1-18

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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### **The following people have asked for our prayers.**

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

Chuck	Charles & Frances	Paul C-S.
Zoe	John & Pat	Rick & Sylvia
Paul	Sue	Carol
James M.	Jill & Gary G.	Suzanne R.
Joanne	Samantha	Judy T.
Brenda L.	Ronnie A.	Andrew
Wayne & Heather	Mary	Heather
Melinda	Dennis	John & Linda B.
Sharon C.	Pat & Leslie	

## Today's Service Personnel

**Presider:** The Reverend Pam Worthington  
**Greeters:** Ruth Swinton, Mary Kennedy  
**Crucifer:** Niall Barnard  
**Sacristan:** Terry Needham  
**Readers:** Susan Bansgrove, Christine Scott  
**Gospel:** Melanie Ihmels  
**Intercessor:** Lorraine Gates  
**Sermon:** Melanie Ihmels

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Fraser,  
Patrick Samuel, Graeme Brown  
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**Music:** Natalya Wautier, pianist

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