

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost *July 26, 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 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.

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.

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**.*

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.

The Gathering

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 7)

MELCOMBE



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| 1. New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought. | 4. Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be,
as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on every cross and care. |
| 2. New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
now thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven. | 5. The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God. |
| 3. If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice. | 6. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray. |

Text: John Keble (1792-1866).
Music: Samuel Weebe the elder (1740-1816).

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.

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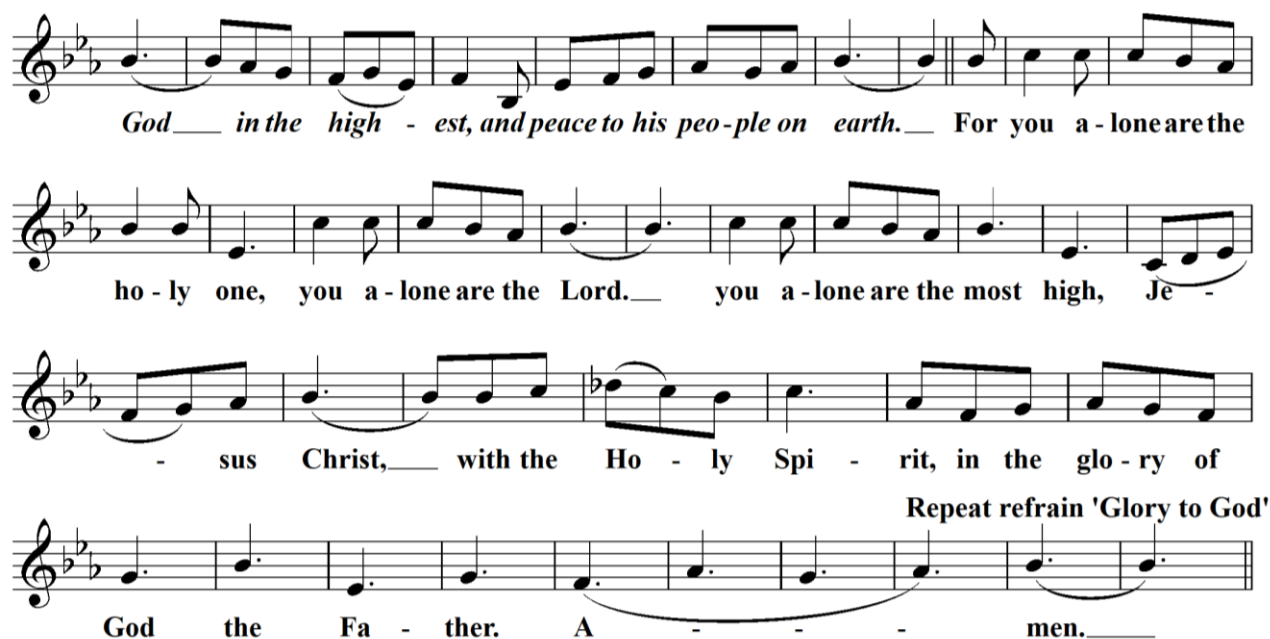
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, almight-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you

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*



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The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Scandalous God,
you sow seeds among the crop,
raise bread with impure yeast,
offer treasure with price
and cast a net that catches good and bad:
Throw down our idols of purity and possession,
so that you might reveal in us your wide-branching love;
through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block.

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

Genesis 29:15-28

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please read aloud the section in **bold**.*

Give thanks to GOD and call upon GOD's Name; * **make known GOD's deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to GOD, sing praises to GOD, * **and speak of all their marvelous works.**

Glory in GOD's holy Name; * **let the hearts of those who seek GOD rejoice.**

Search for GOD and GOD's strength; * **continually seek GOD's face.**

Remember the marvels GOD has done, * **GOD's wonders and the judgments of their mouth,**

O offspring of Abraham GOD's servant, * **O children of Jacob GOD's chosen.**

This is GOD our God; * **whose judgments prevail in all the world.**

GOD has always been mindful of the covenant, * **the promise GOD made for a thousand generations;**

The covenant GOD made with Abraham, * **the oath that GOD swore to Isaac,**

Which GOD established as a statute for Jacob, * **an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * **to be your allotted inheritance."** **Hallelujah!**

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

Romans 8:26-39

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 561)

RAVENSHAW



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| 1. Lord, your word shall guide us
and with truth provide us:
Teach us to receive it
and with joy believe it. | 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted? |
| 2. When our foes are near us,
then your word shall cheer us—
word of consolation,
message of salvation. | 5. Word of mercy, giving
courage to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying. |
| 3. When the storms distress us
and dark clouds oppress us,
then your word protects us
and its light directs us. | 6. O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you—
evermore be near you! |

Text: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), rev. *Hymns for Today's Church*. © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: Melody – *Ein new Gesengbuchlen*, 1531; adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

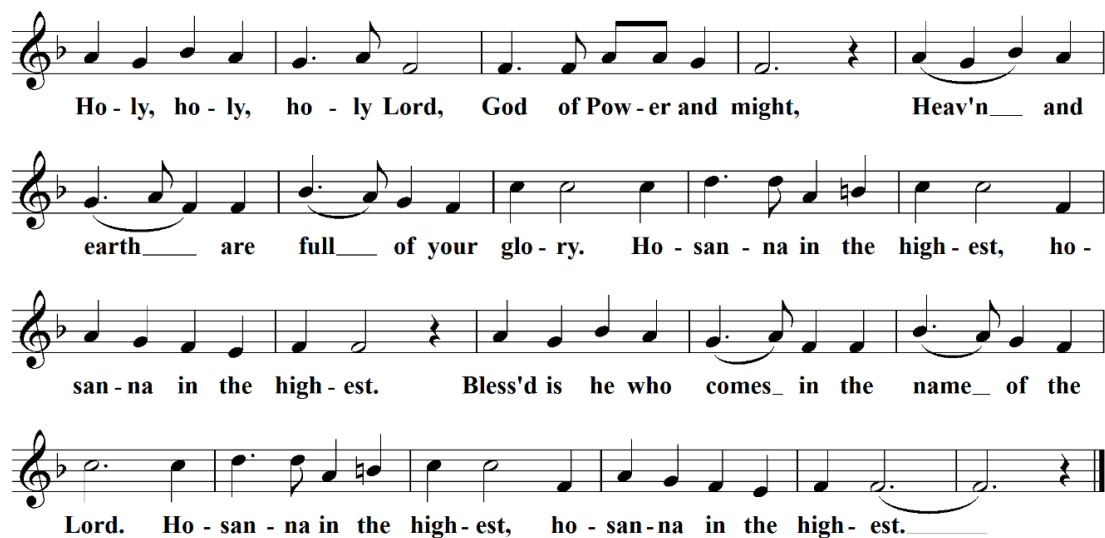
Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

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: Amen.

The Disciples’ Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us 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

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.

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 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,
we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 631)

PADERBORN



1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of desire.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgment for gain and for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

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Voluntary

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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.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved Tim, from Sara Chu.



Readings for August 2nd – The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 Jacob struggles all night to realize he has been wrestling with God, who gives him a new name.

Psalms 17:1-7, 16 A righteous individual cries for help against adversaries.

Romans 9:1-5 Paul reaffirms his solidarity with his ancestral tradition.

Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus' feeding of the 5000 suggests God's ability and willingness to provide bountifully for those in need.

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	Geoffrey

R.I.P.

Brian Doerksen

Today's Service Personnel

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Louise Langman, Karyn Lehmann

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Melanie Ihmels

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