

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost *August 2, 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.



Photo by Susanna Peterson

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 Reverend Pam Worthington

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 330)

LAUDATE DOMINUM



1. **O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.**
2. **O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.**
3. **O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.**
4. **O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Text: Ps. 150; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

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 for a single voice part in 3/8 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with the refrain in italics. The score ends with a double bar line and the word "fine." above it.

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

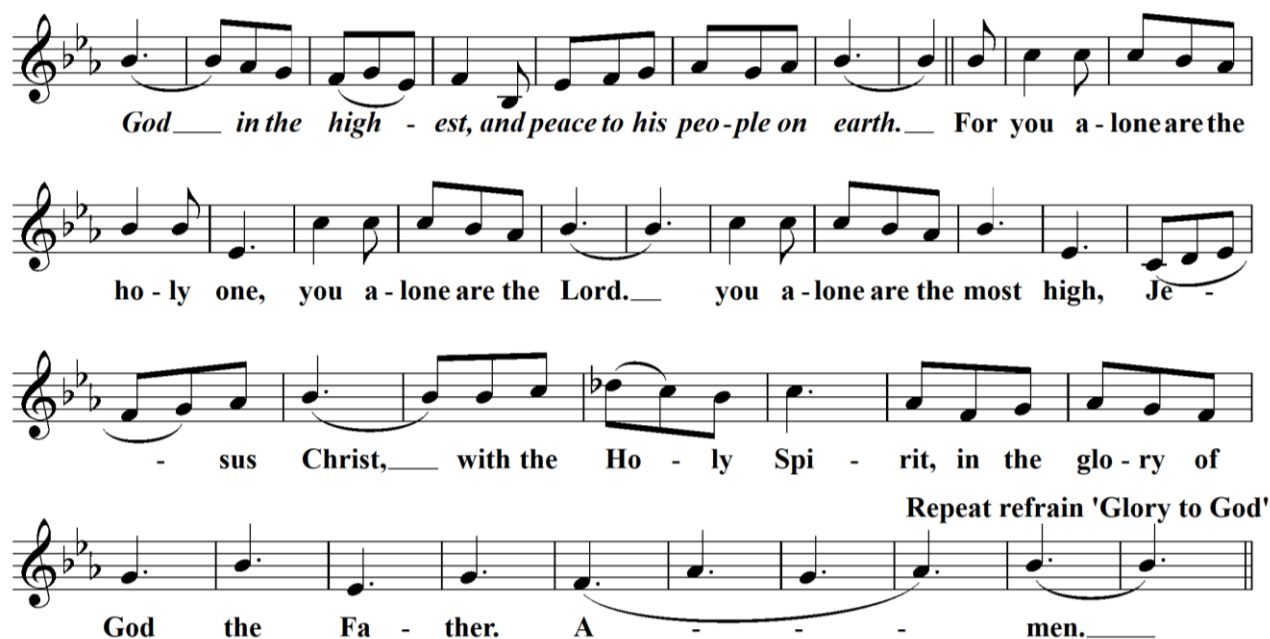
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, almight-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you

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*



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The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God beyond all seeing and knowing,
we meet you in the night of change and crisis
and wrestle with you in darkness and doubt.
Give us the will and spirit to live faithfully
and to love as we are loved,
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) 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 32:22-31

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

17:1-7, 16

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

Hear my plea of innocence, O GOD; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer,
which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed
on justice.**

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no
impurity in me.

**I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of
your lips.**

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall
not stumble.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and
hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at
your right hand from those who rise up against them.

**But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be
satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

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 9:1-5

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 348)

LEONI



1. **The living God be praised!
 Give honour to God's name,
 who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same;
 the one eternal God
 ere all that now appears,
 the First, the Last, beyond all thought God's timeless years!**
2. **Without a form is God,
 nor can we comprehend
 the measure of God's love for us without an end.
 For God is Lord of all,
 creation speaks God's praise;
 the human race and all that lives God's will obeys.**
3. **God's Spirit floweth free,
 high surging where it will;
 in prophet's word God spoke of old and speaketh still.
 Established is God's law
 and changeless it shall stand,
 inscribed upon the human heart in every land.**
4. **Eternal life hath God
 implanted in the soul;
 God's love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
 The living one be praised!
 Give honour to God's name,
 who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.**

Text: The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah (1400?); tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton Mann (1836-1926), alt.
Music: Melody Yigdal trad.; trsc. Meier Leon (1751-1797) and Thomas Olivers (1725-1799).

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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 78)

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| <p>1. Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness;
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy your praises render
to the Lord whose grace unbounded
has this royal banquet founded;
though all other powers excelling,
with my soul he makes his dwelling.</p> <p>2. Lord, I bow before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
all your mighty works I ponder—
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no one has ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that in you are hidden.</p> | <p>3. Shining Sun, my life you brighten;
Radiance, you my soul enlighten.
Joy, the best of all our knowing,
Fountain, swiftly in me flowing:
At your feet I kneel, my Maker—
let me be a fit partaker
of this sacred food from heaven,
for our good, your glory, given.</p> <p>4. Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,
let me gladly here obey you;
never to my hurt invited,
always by your love delighted:
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts your hands have given,
let me be your guest in heaven.</p> |
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Text: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878);
rev. *Hymns for Today's Church*. © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: Melody – Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

The Prayer over the Gifts

God our sustainer,
accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son 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

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.

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, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.

By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
so that more and more we will you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.



**1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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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 August : Native Friendship Centre

The mandate of VFNC is "To encourage and promote the well-being of Urban Aboriginal People, by strengthening individuals, family, and community." Beginning their work in 1969, the Centre has become a vital resource for urban Indigenous individuals and families, and is strategically positioned to play a major role in the development and implementation of urban Indigenous governance on southern Vancouver Island.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and Happy 60th Heavenly Anniversary on August 6th
to my husband, Rex. Miss and love you always, Louise.

Readings for August 9th – The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 The saga of Joseph, favoured son of Jacob, begins with the circumstances leading to his brothers rejecting him and Joseph's subsequent journey to Egypt.

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45c With grateful recollection, the story of God's great deeds are retold, including verses about Joseph.

Romans 10:5-15 Through faith, God's word becomes articulate within us, and we in turn articulate the faith that saves us.

Matthew 14:22-33 The story of Jesus walking on the water, a story of faith and endurance, presents Peter as an enthusiast without staying power at a critical moment.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Zoe
Chris
James M.
Joanne
Linda in Peru
Geoffrey

Charles & Frances
John & Pat
Carol
Jill & Gary G.
Samantha
Maddie A.
Christopher
Kevin & family

Paul C-S.
Rick & Sylvia
Bill
Suzanne R.
Judy T.
Andrew
Jill & family

Today's Service Personnel

Presider: The Reverend Pam Worthington
Greeters: Christine Scott, Ruth Swinton
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Sacristan: Niall Barnard
Readers: Joel Durkovic, Carol-Ann Zenger
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