

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost *August 16, 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 10)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



- 1. We, the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,
praise One who called us out of sin and darkness
into God's own light, that God might anoint us
a royal priesthood.**
- 2. This is the Lord's house, home of all God's people,
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;
all find a welcome.**
- 3. This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,
day of creation, day of resurrection,
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,
day for rejoicing.**
- 4. In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered,
that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them
to all the people God's own life imparting,
food everlasting.**

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Music: Melody Antiphoner, Paris, 1681.

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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.

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

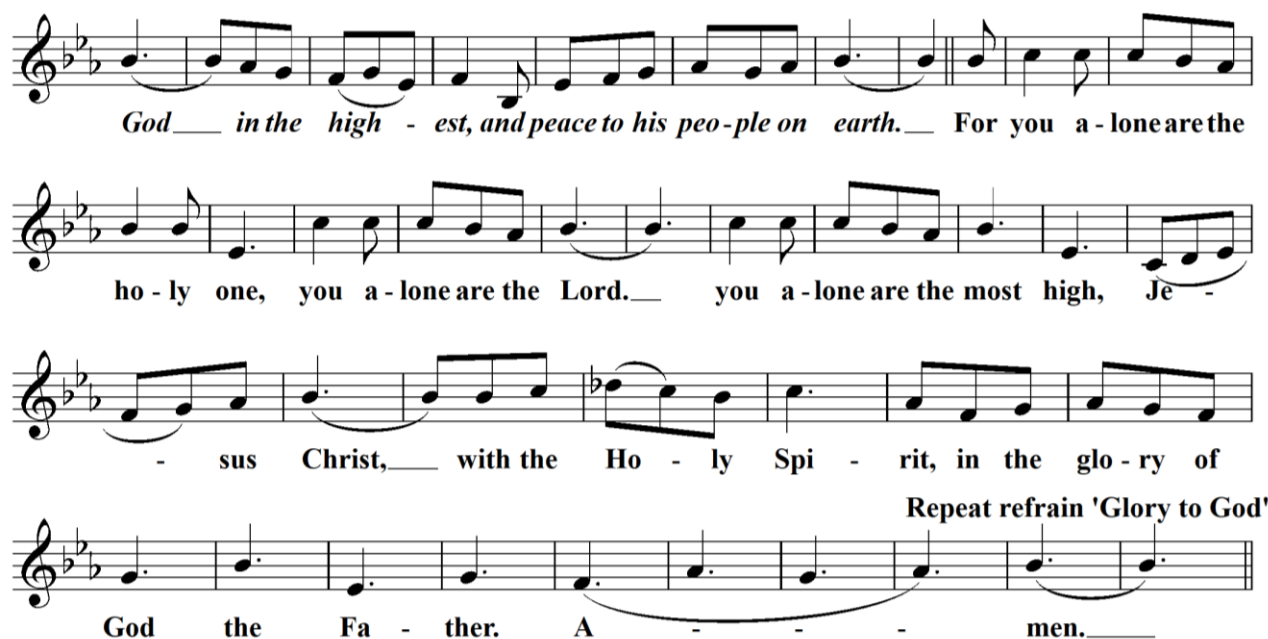
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, almight-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you

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 of the nations, all are invited to your table,
for in your family no one is a stranger.
Satisfy our hunger and mercifully extend to all people
the joy of salvation and faith.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) 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 45:1-15

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when the beloved live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the hair,

Upon the hair of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of their robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there GOD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

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 11:1-2a, 29-32

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 292)

YE BANKS AND BRAES



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| <p>1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.</p> | <p>2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hope to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.</p> |
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3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

Text: John L. Bell (1949-).

Music: Melody – Scottish trad., alt; arr. The Iona Community (Scotland).

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The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

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 106)

GOTT WILL'S MACHEN



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| <p>1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!</p> <p>2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.</p> | <p>3. But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.</p> <p>4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!</p> |
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The Prayer over the Gifts

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might be for the world,
signs of your gracious presence in 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

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.

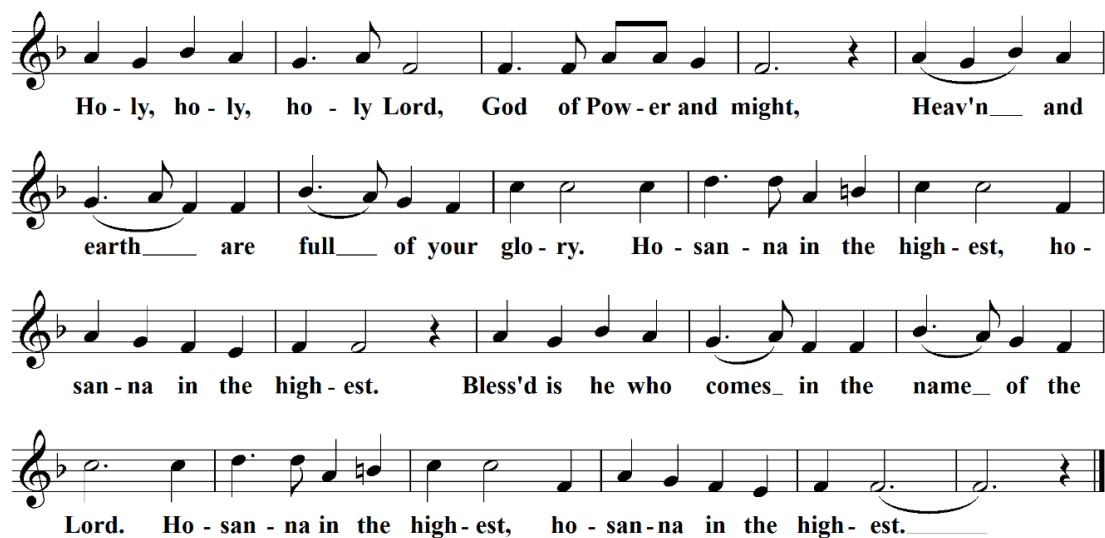
When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.

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.

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,
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 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).

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 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 in loving memory of my husband, Neil, and my parents, Evelyn and Elliott Salter, from Margaret Walker.

Readings for August 23rd – The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8—2:10 Here begins the story of the Exodus, the defining story for the people of Israel.

Psalms 124 The Israelites recount their history and see God's hand in it.

Romans 12:1-8 Paul urges his readers to respond to God's great gift of life in Christ by offering themselves as living sacrifices. Further, Paul compares the unity, diversity and interdependence of a faith community's members to a single human body and its parts.

Matthew 16:13-20 Jesus asks the disciples a question that we too much ponder at various times in our lives.

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
Jean

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
Ryan

Today's Service Personnel

Presider: The Reverend Pam Worthington

Greeters: Barbara Jenks, Ruth Swinton

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Ann Barry

Readers: Margaret Walker, Barry Salter

Gospel: Melanie Ihmels

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