

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost* *August 30, 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](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

# 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 1)

NICAEA



1. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**
3. **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,**  
**only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**  
**perfect in power, in love and purity.**
4. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;**  
**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.  
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

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.*

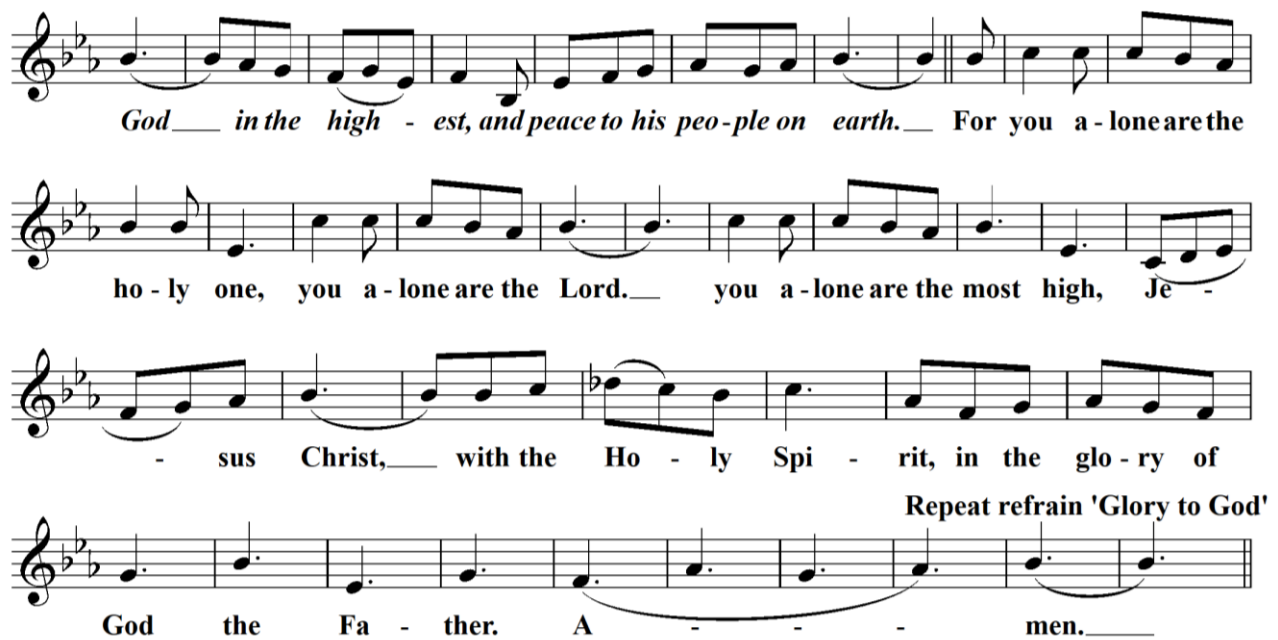
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, almight-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you

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.*

Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## 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

Exodus 3:1-15

*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.**

Israel come into Egypt, \* and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**GOD made their people exceedingly fruitful; \* GOD made them stronger  
than their enemies;**

Whose heart GOD turned, so that they hated GOD's people, \* and dealt unjustly  
with GOD's servants.

**GOD sent Moses GOD's servant, \* and Aaron whom GOD had chosen.**

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 12:9-21

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gradual Hymn (CP 435)

MOZART



1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.
4. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
5. Take my love: my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879).  
Music: composer unknown.

## The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

*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.*

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn (CP 450)

RHOSYMEDRE



1. You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,  
to feel with thoughtful mind  
and think with tender heart.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.
2. You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,  
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.
3. You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;  
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.
4. You call us, Lord, to serve: To die that we may live,  
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

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## The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Give us grace to love one another  
that your love may be made perfect in us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.*

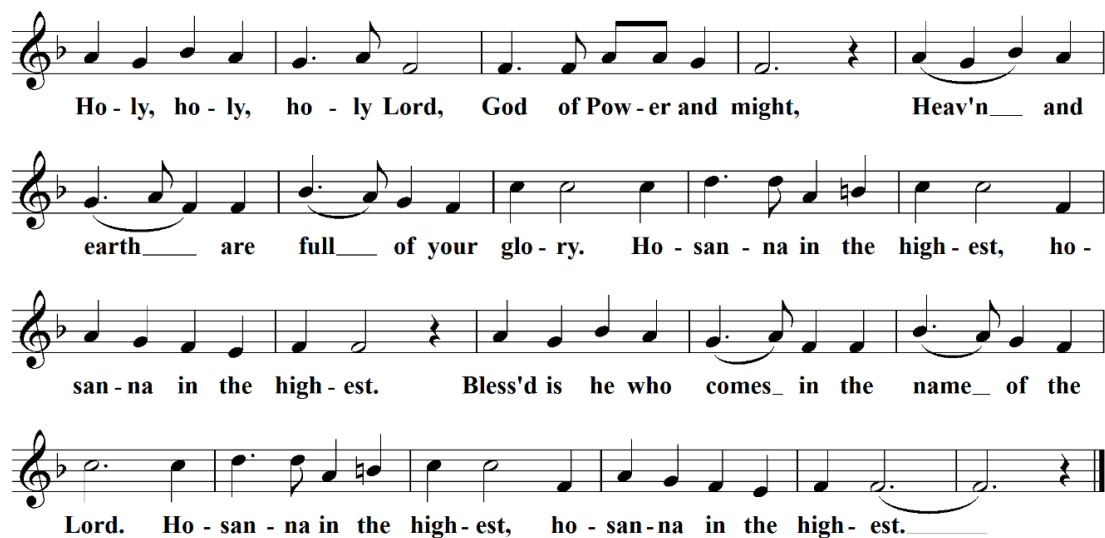
## The Great Thanksgiving

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures, each with a vocal part label above it: 'Priest:', 'All:', 'Priest:', and 'All:'. The lyrics for these measures are: 'The Lord be with you.', 'And al-so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts.', and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The second staff has two measures, each with a vocal part label above it: 'Priest:' and 'All:'. The lyrics for these measures are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and '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

Almighty God,  
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May your holy food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this 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.**



**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

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.

**Please note that Evensong will recommence  
Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.**

## **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.

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### **Flowers**

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,  
whose love, and presence continue to bless our lives.  
Forever remembered with gratitude and joy, from Lorraine and Andrew.

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### **Readings for September 6<sup>th</sup> – The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost The Season of Creation**

**Exodus 12:1-14** Yahweh speaks to Moses and Aaron, instructing preparations for the coming Passover.

**Psalms 149** God is praised, with a call to arms. Faithfulness sometimes requires us to engage with the enemies of God, but only to God's glory, never to our own.

**Romans 13:8-14** Paul teaches that at the heart of God's laws is the command to love – love of neighbour and love of self.

**Matthew 18:15-20** Jesus discusses how broken relationships in human affairs can be handled.

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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  
Zoe  
Chris  
James M.  
Joanne  
Linda in Peru  
Geoffrey  
Jean

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

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

## Today's Service Personnel

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum  
**Greeters:** Marilyn Moody, Karyn Lehmann  
**Crucifer:** Niall Barnard  
**Sacristan:** Penny Holt  
**Readers:** Al Lehmann, Kate Newman  
**Gospel:** Carol Anne Harper  
**Intercessor:** David Buckman  
**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Coverett,  
Graeme Brown, Jaqueline Gillespie  
**Verger:** David Pupak  
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