

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost *September 13, 2026*
Season of Creation

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.



Welcome to the Anglican Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a welcoming, affirming, inclusive, community in the heart of downtown Victoria. For more details of who we are and what we do, please check out our Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca or chat to one of the Ministry Team.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

We are in the Season of Creation – this Ecumenical (Inter-Church) season has been observed since 2020 from 1st September to 4th October and serves as a reminder of our part within God's creation, and that we are not apart from or above the created world around us. We are called in this season to renew our commitment to be stewards of the earth and to care for it and one another.

The Theme for this year's Season of Creation is 'Living Water' taking its theme from imagery within our Scriptures, especially Ezekiel Chapter 47 verses 9 & 12. We are considering the necessity of water for life, and the need to preserve the waters of the earth for the use of all living things, including ourselves! Much more detail, including the celebration guide for this year, can be found at www.seasonofcreation.org.

We begin this season by observing the newly established Festival of the Creator transferred from 1st September to 6th September and we will finish, as we move into our Season of Stewardship, on 4th October as we mark the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

As part of this Season of Creation, you will notice a new Eucharistic prayer. These words come to us from Salal & Cedar (a church without walls in the diocese of New Westminster). Salal & Cedar are a community committed to re-connecting to the creation values and land covenants at the core of our tradition. They are part of the Watershed Discipleship Movement that refers both to watersheds as natural geographic divisions, and to the fact that we are at a watershed moment in terms of the climate crises. Salal and Cedar is deeply committed to a learning and listening relationship with Indigenous land protectors, taking direct action in climate matters, participating in alternative economies such as mutual aid, and creating land based liturgical resources.

Also during this time, we are reading *The Serviceberry* by Anishinaabe Scientist and Author Robin Wall Kimmerer. Video reflections on themes in this book will be shared online on Sundays on the St. John's Website.

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. You may also use our tap machine (no tax receipt) 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.



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

Introit

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith, endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience. In all my adversity, sweet Saviour, say Amen.

Opening Prayer

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4 St. Helena's Breviary

God of Creation: We give you thanks for your ancient promise that while the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease.

(cf Genesis 8.22)

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 384)

LOBE DEN HERREN



- 1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
beloved family draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

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2. Praise the the Lord,
 who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 shelters thee under his wings,
 yea, so gently sustaineth:
 has thou not seen
 how thy entreaties have been
 granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord,
 who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
 surely his goodness and mercy
 here daily attend thee:
 ponder anew
 what the Almighty can do,
 if with his love he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord,
 who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
 who, when the elements
 madly around thee are raging,
 biddeth them cease,
 turneth their fury to peace,
 whirlwinds and waters assuaging.
5. Praise to the Lord,
 who when darkness of sin is abounding,
 who when the godless do triumph,
 all virtue confounding,
 sheddeth his light,
 chaseth the horrors of night,
 saints with his mercy surrounding.
6. Praise to the Lord!
 O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that half life and breath
 come now with praises before him!
 Let the Amen
 sound from his people again:
 gladly for aye we adore him.

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

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.

Act of Penitence

You laid the foundations of the earth,
but we have claimed your world as our own.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

All things were created through you and for you,
but we have not lived as those who belong to you.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

You make all things new,
but our hope has grown dim.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May God forgive us, free us guilt,
and renew us that we may be
faithful stewards of all creation.

All: Amen.

Church of England

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and peace to his people on earth.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>almighty God and Father,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>we praise you for your glory.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us;</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer;</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>you who are seated at the right hand of the</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>Father: have mercy on us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>
Tu solus Altissimus,	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
Iesu Christe.	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of love,
you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand.
Deliver us from our captivity to self-interest
and our indifference to the gifts of others,
so that we may be ready to love as you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Exodus 14:19-31

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of
 strange speech,
 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel God's dominion.
 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.
 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.
 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?
 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?
 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Sovereign One, * at the presence of the
 God of Jacob,
 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water, * and flint-stone into a flowing
 spring.

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 14:1-12

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 614)

DETROIT



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| <p>1. Forgive our sins as we forgive,
 you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 but you alone can grant us grace
 to live the words we say.</p> | <p>3. In blazing light your cross reveals
 the truth we dimly knew:
 what trivial debts are owed to us,
 how great our debt to you!</p> |
| <p>2. How can your pardon reach and bless
 the unforgiving heart
 that broods on wrongs, and will not let
 old bitterness depart?</p> | <p>4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
 and bid resentment cease;
 then, bound to all in bonds of love,
 our lives will spread your peace.</p> |

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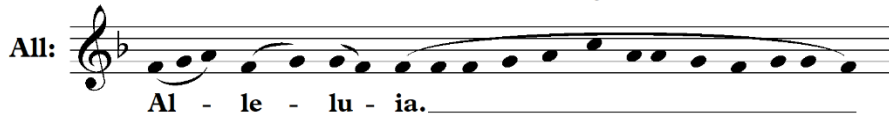
The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for
you created all things. Church of England



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

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of Christ be always with you

All: and also with you.

Church of England

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (Vol. 39 #481)

ABBOT'S LEIGH



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| <p>1. God is Love: let heav'n adore them;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before them,
And exalt God with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation,
God is Love, eternal Love.</p> | <p>2. God is Love: and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.</p> |
| <p>3. God is Love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.</p> | |

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

Salal & Cedar

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.

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all.

We praise you here on this island in the Salish Sea,

where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side.

We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.

Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.

They depended on the land,

were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands.

They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells,

in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets

who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven,

salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Sanctus and Benedictus *(Sung by the choir)*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Osanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough.

He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness,

he travelled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds,

labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and hearth,
he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land,
gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal
of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar
which is both now and yet to come.

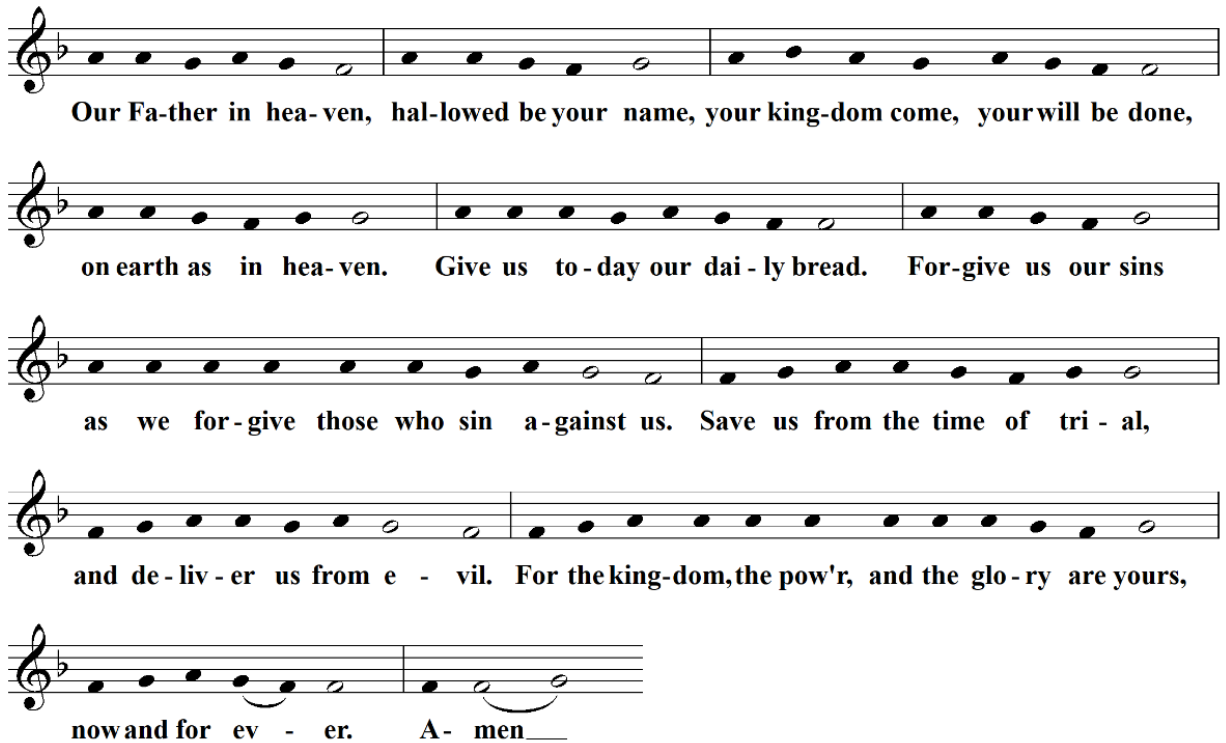
All honour and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.



***All:* A men A - men A - men.**

The Disciples' Prayer

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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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.

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 be seated.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

Anthem during Communion

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord,
who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say,
before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is
plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Text: Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

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

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Blessing

May God the Creator, source of all goodness,
pour their blessing upon all things created,
and upon us, God's children,
that we may use God's gifts to God's glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing ...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God in all creation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 527)

ST. DENIO



1. **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can God say than to you hath been said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**
2. **"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
3. **When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
4. **When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**
5. **The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never—no, never—no, never forsake!"**

Text: John Rippon (1751-1836), called "K" in A Selection of Hymns, 1787.
Music: Melody – Genuine Church Music, 1832.

Voluntary Toccata

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

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

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 119:41-48; Ezekiel 20:1-8, 33-44; Mark 8:27-38
Officiant: Melanie Ihmels; Preacher: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum
Music: Quartet
Responses: Katherine Burk Webb; Canticles: Third Service – Philip Moore
Anthem: Geistliches Lied – Johannes Brahms

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the various colours of autumn,
and the abundance of harvest, from Michael and Carol-Ann Zenger.

Readings for September 20th – The 17th Sunday after Pentecost The Season of Creation

Exodus 16:2-15 The Hebrews learn that the God of escape through the sea is also the God of provision in the wilderness.

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 The wonderful works of God are praised, including the deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

Philippians 1:21-30 Paul, suffering with the limitations of his imprisonment and possibly facing trial and execution, exhorts his readers to live worthy of the gospel.

Matthew 20:1-16 The question of what is enough and what is abundant permeates Jesus' parable.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck
Zoe
Carol
Joanne
Andrew
Henry
Susan M.
Greg & Regina
Joshua

Charles & Frances
John & Pat
Bill
Judy T.
Christopher
Bob
Martin Y.
Melinda
Jill & family

Paul C-S.
Rick & Sylvia
Suzanne R.
Maddie A.
Kevin & family
Dennis
Bill & Marilyn
Susan E.
James M.

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Greeters: Bill Huzar, Nancy Baal
Crucifer: Melanie Ihmels
Sacristan: Duane Lecky
Readers: Lorraine Gates, Judith Branion
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Intercessor: Marilynn Mincey
Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

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