

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

October 11, 2026

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday 3

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.

Stewardship is...

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...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say “I believe”

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 choir and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** 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 310)

MIT FREUDEN ZART



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| <p>1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory.</p> <p>2. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory.</p> | <p>3. Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud your praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body bear your part:
to God all praise and glory.</p> <p>4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.</p> |
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Text: Johan Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897).
Music: Melody - Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; arr. The English Hymnal, 1906, 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.

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

Missa Brevis – Becky McGlade (1974-)

Choir:

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>

Collect

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

O God,
whose image we bear
and whose name we carry,
yours is the world and all it contains.
Recall us to our true allegiance,
so that above the powers and rulers of this world
you alone may claim our loyalty and love.
We make our prayer
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.

Stewardship Prayer

Our Church is made up of people like us,
All: We make it what is.
It will be filled with inspiring worship,
if we are there and ready to meet with you, Lord.
It will be a community where disciples are made,
if we are willing to grow in love for you and our neighbours.
It will bring about a transformation of the community,
if our vision is a growing church,
that makes a real difference to people's lives.
Therefore with your help,
let us dedicate ourselves to the task
of being all the things you want us to be. Amen.

The Diocese of Coventry

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 33:12-23

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD is Ruler; let the people tremble; * GOD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

GOD is great in Zion; * GOD is high above all peoples.

Let them confess GOD's Name, which is great and awesome; * GOD is the Holy One.

"O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of GOD our God and fall down before God's footstool; * GOD is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among GOD's priests, and Samuel among those who call upon GOD's Name, * they called upon GOD, and GOD answered them.

GOD spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept GOD's testimonies and the decree that were given them.

"O GOD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of GOD our God and worship GOD upon their holy hill; * for GOD our God is the Holy One.

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

After the Reading

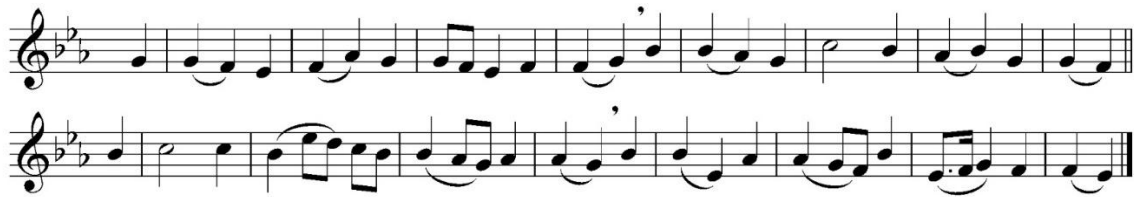
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 624)

HEREFORD



1. O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.
2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.
4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal
and make the sacrifice complete.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

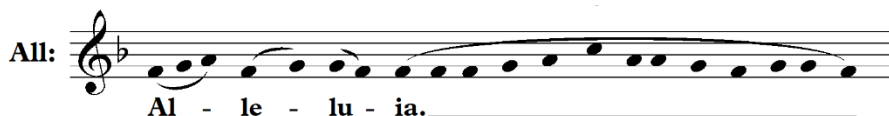
The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life. Philippians 2:15-16



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 always with you.

All: and also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 385)

WAS LEBET



1. **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down in reverence, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring now, adoring the Lord's holy name.**
2. **Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart Jesus bears it for thee,
comforts thy sorrows and answers thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**
3. **Fear not to enter God's courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness:
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**
4. **These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
God will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**
5. **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down in reverence, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring now, adoring the Lord's holy name.**

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875) rev. Book of Praise (Presbyterian Church of Canada, 1997).
Music: Melody – *Choral-buch vor Johann Heinrich Rheinhardt*, Üttingen, 1754.

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 1 Anglican Church of Canada

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.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.
Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

Sanctus

Missa Brevis – Becky McGlade (1974-)

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.*

Gracious God,
 in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
 to share our fragile humanity.
 Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
 you open the path from brokenness to health,
 from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
 to reverence for you.
 Rejected by a world
 that could not bear the Gospel of life,
 Jesus knew death was near.
 His head anointed for burial
 by an unknown woman,
 Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
 and gave it to his friends,
 saying, "Take and eat:
 this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."
 After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
 gave you thanks,
 and said "Drink this all of you,
 this is my blood of the new covenant
 which is shed for you and for many.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."
 And now we gather at this table
 in response to his commandment,
 to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
 and to proclaim our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
 the wisdom of the universe,
 upon these gifts that we bring to you:
 this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
 that we may be signs of your love for all the world
 and ministers of your transforming purpose.
 Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory is yours, Creator of all,
 and we bless your holy name for ever.

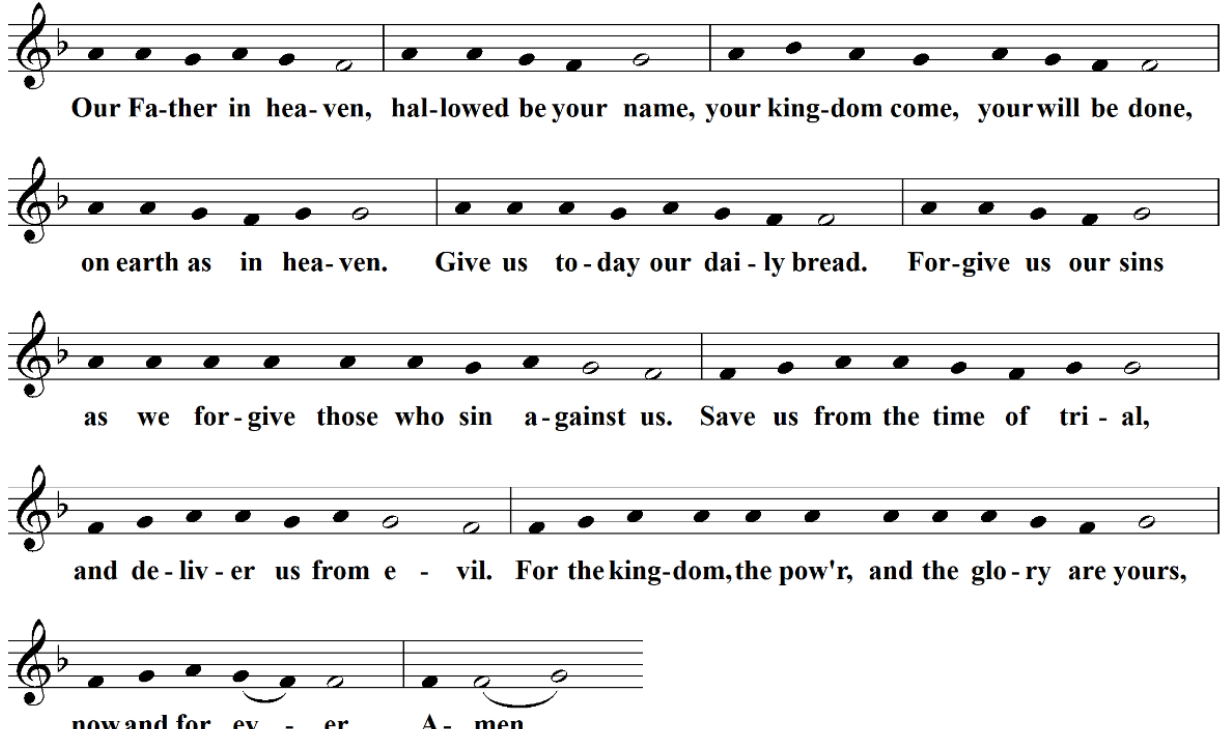


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The Disciples' Prayer

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

All:



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men

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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

Missa Brevis – Becky McGlade (1974-)

Choir:

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

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.
Alleluia.

*The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart;
and his steps will not be impeded.
Alleluia.*

Text: Psalm 37:30-31

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

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 God in all creation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional 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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Voluntary Toccata

Eugène Gigout (1884-1925)

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Please join us at the back of the church for refreshments and fellowship, and stay
for a Special General Meeting of St. John's Court Society to which we are all members.

**Choral Evensong
today at 4:30pm**

Readings: Psalms 142; Proverbs 4:1-18; 1 John 3:16—4:6

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Preacher: Melanie Ihmels

Music: Quartet

Responses: Katherine Burk Webb

Canticles: Charles Wood in E minor

Anthem: Phos hilaron – Greek hymn c. 200

Flowers

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my ancestors, and all ancestors,
from Jaqueline Gillespie.



Readings for October 25th – The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Moses, on Mount Nebo, views the great expanse of the promised land the Israelites will enter without him.

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 With words traditionally attributed to Moses, this psalm wrestles with a human dilemma: we desire to see our work come to fruition, yet we know that God's timetable is not ours.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Paul shared not only the gospel but also himself, the latter a more difficult task and a more convincing argument.

Matthew 22:34-46 Jesus summarizes all teachings of the Law in two intertwined commandments. He also states that the Messiah's identity is not through ancestry but through relationship with God.

All Souls
Sunday, November 1st at 4:30 pm
Choral Evensong
with
Commemoration of the Departed

A service of readings, prayers, and music, in memory of all those who have departed in the past year.

There will be an opportunity for all to light a candle in memory of someone as part of this service.



If you would like names added to the list to be read out, please provide them on the sheets at the church office, the garden door or email to admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

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
Quentin

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

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

Today's Service Personnel

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Bill Huzar, Barbara Jenks

Crucifer: Melanie Ihmels

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

Readers: Al Lehmann, Judith Branion

Gospel: Jim Harlick

Intercessor: Susan Bangrove

Sermon: The Reverend Pam Worthington

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Karen Coverett, Lorraine Gates

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David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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