

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

October 25, 2026

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday 4

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 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

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 347)

LEONI



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| <p>1. The God of Abraham praise
 who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love;
 Jehovah, great I AM!
 by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
 forever blest.</p> <p>2. The great I AM has sworn;
 I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
 I shall behold God's face;
 I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
 for evermore.</p> | <p>3. The goodly land I see
 with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow,
 and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
 with mercy crowned.</p> <p>4. Triumphant hosts on high
 give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!"
 Hail Abraham's God and ours!
 One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours
 and endless praise!</p> |
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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

Mass for Four Voices – Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

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.

Lord of the teasing riddle,
whose questions undo our certainty
and set us on a different path:
Give us a heart of passion,
a searching mind,
gentle strength of body
and unseen depths of soul,
so that we might love you wholly
and our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ, the law of grace.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sovereign One, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a
watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up
and withered.

Return, O GOD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be
glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in
which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of GOD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our
hands; prosper our handiwork.

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 2:1-8

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 171)

SHARPTHORNE



**1. What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire,
or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.**

**2. Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.**

**3. All who gain wealth by trade,
for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid,
if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.**

**4. How shall our life fulfill
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue your will
with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy,
we'll humbly walk with God.**

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The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. John 14:23



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.

Address

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 Anthem

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Music: Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)

Hymn at the Presentation

FRANCONIA



**We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Text: William Walsham How (1823-1897).

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

Mass for Four Voices – Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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.

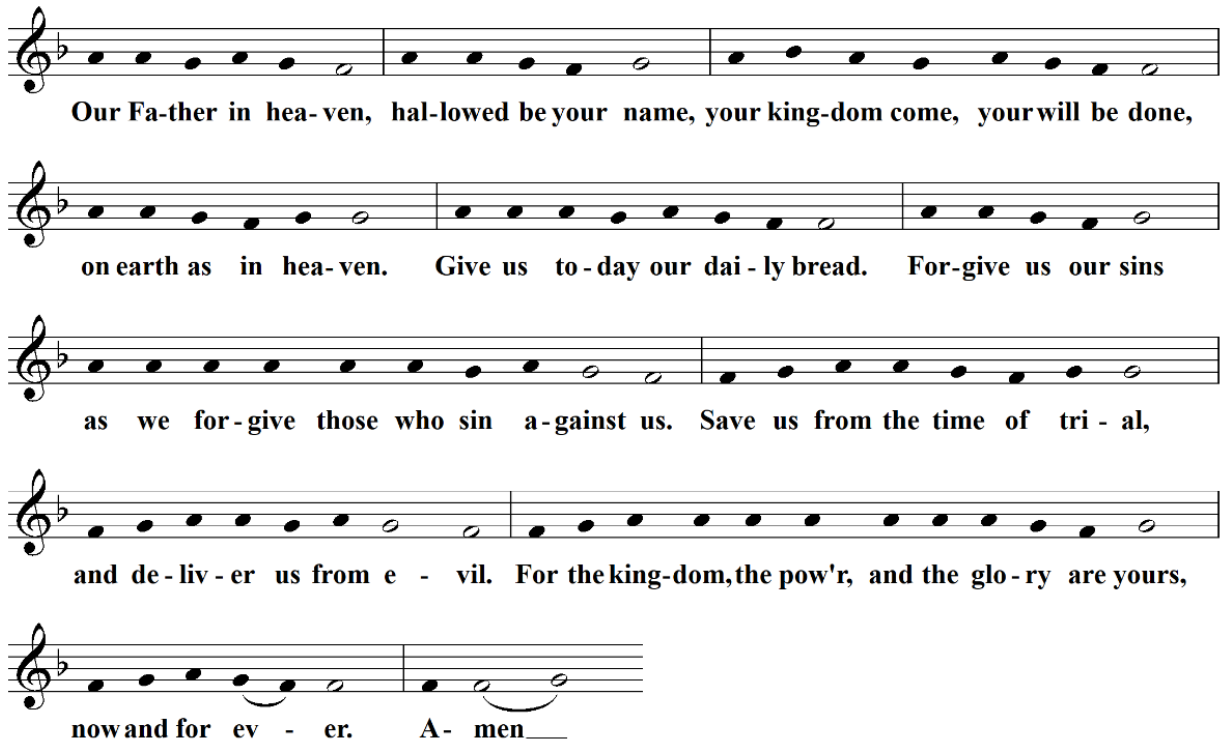


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The Disciples' Prayer

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.

Benedictus and Agnus Dei

Mass for Four Voices – Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Choir:

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

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.



**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**3. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

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Voluntary Praeludium in e (Little)

Nicolaus. Bruhns (1665-1697)

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Please join us for Souper Sunday in the Parish Hall (Baumann Centre).



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

Readings: Psalm 119:97-104; Ecclesiastes 11, 12; Mark 12:28-34

Officiant: Melanie Ihmels

Preacher: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Thomas Tallis / Matthew Larkin

Canticles: Fauxbourdons – Healey Willan

Anthem: O ye who taste that love is sweet – Eleanor Daley

Flowers

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family and friends,
from Ruth Swinton and Daniel Nadeau.



Readings for November 1st – All Saints / All Souls

Revelation 7:9-17 A celebratory vision focuses on those who have died for the faith and whose cause is finally vindicated in the heavenly court.

Psalm 34:1-10 The blessed estate of the saints of God is announced.

1 John 3:1-3 As children of God we enjoy the lavishness of God's love, both present reality and future hope.

Matthew 5:1-12 Life under the reign of God turns the world upside down.

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 **no later than Thursday, October 22.**

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
Wendy

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

R.I.P.
Jeff Suddaby

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: Karyn Lehmann, Louise Langman

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Melanie Ihmels

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Gospel: Murray Harris

Intercessor: Sarah Kell

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Iris Elsdon, Patrick Samuel

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