The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

November 22, 2026
The Reign of Christ

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 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
Preacher: Melanie Ihmels

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.

Hymn (CP 345)

GWALCHMAI



1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
even eternity's too short
to extol thee.

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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.**

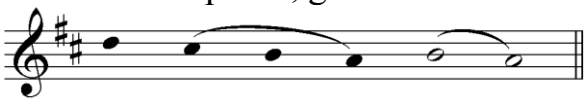
Gloria

Missa viii, '*De Angelis'*



Cantor:

Choir: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



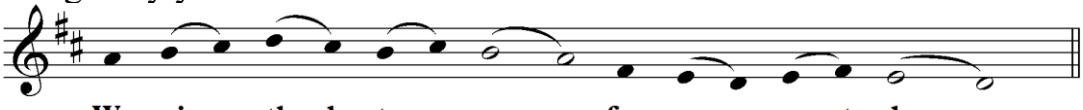
All:

Choir: We bless you.



All:

Choir: We glorify you.



All:

Choir: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



All:

Choir: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

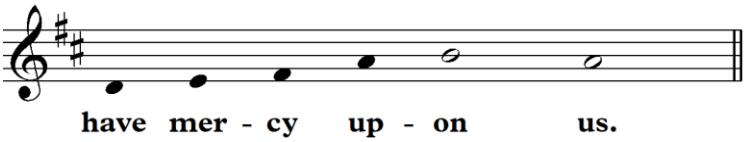


All:

Choir: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



All:



Choir: For you only are holy.



All:

Choir: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



All:

Collect

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Destitute king,
one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned:
May our faith be proved not in dogma and piety
but in serving you in the last and the least;
through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church

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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and

in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Be joyful in GOD, all you lands; * serve God with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

Know this: it is God that is God; * It is GOD who has made us, and we are GOD's; we are their people and the sheep of their pasture.

Enter their gates with thanksgiving; go into their courts with praise; * give thanks to GOD and call upon their Name.

For GOD is good; GOD's mercy is everlasting; * and GOD's faithfulness endures from age to age.

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 Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 600) KINGS LYNN (TUNE #283)



1. You call us out to praise you,
one God for all the earth;
to gather in communion,
and treasure human worth;
we are your living story,
to hear and to be heard;
we praise your name, who write us,
the Writer and the Word.

2. For varied hues and textures,
new patterns, still you search
to weave your seamless garment,
the fabric of your church;
our tattered faith you cherish,
reclaim from wear and moth;
we praise your name, who twine us,
the Weaver and the Cloth.

3. The church that speaks forgiveness
confesses its own need;
the church that feels its hunger
finds grace to care and feed;
our famished world is crying,
its future filled with dread;
we praise your name, who fills us,
the Baker and the Bread.

4. The church that offers healing
discerns it wounds and loss;
the church that faces dying
shares life beyond the cross;
to people torn and broken
your mercy is revealed;
we praise your name, who love us,
the Healer and the Healed.

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5. Our feeble voices struggle
to sing your justice clear;
the world has sunk in silence,
each discord echoes fear.
One voice alone is ragged;
together, we are strong;
we praise your name, who breathe us,
the Singer and the Song.

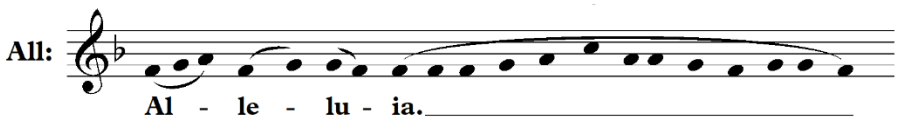
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The Gospel — Matthew 25:31-46

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Mark 11:9-10



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.**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 374)

HYFRYDOL



1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).
Music: Rowland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

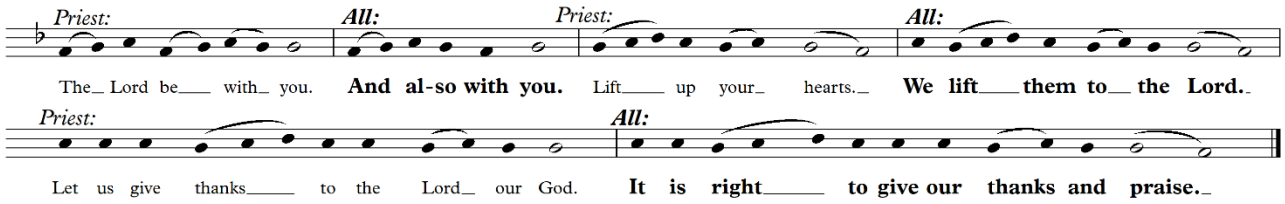
***All*: Amen.**

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

Scottish Episcopal Church Eucharistic Prayer VII



Worship and praise belong to you, gracious God,
in every place and at all times.
All power is yours.
You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Living Word, our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
Jesus made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Choir: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,*
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Christ is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will Jesus died upon the Cross,
And by your power was raised from the dead.
Breaking the bonds of evil,
Jesus set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
Jesus took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Creator,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,

that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

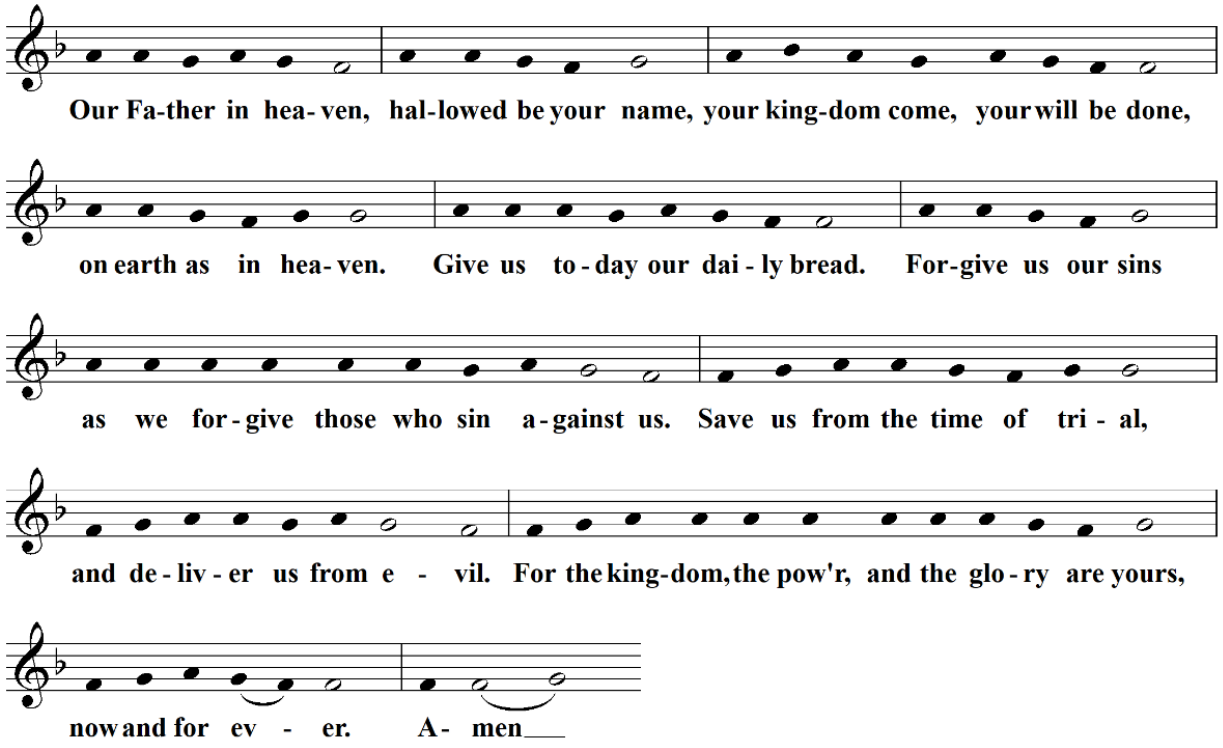
Help us, who are welcomed into the
community of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our siblings living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
God of all ages, world without end.



The Disciples' Prayer

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

Communion Service in F – Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Choir:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Anthem

O sing unto the Lord, unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise his name
Be telling of his salvation from day to day.

O, sing unto the Lord...

For he cometh to judge the earth
And with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with his truth.

O, sing unto the Lord...

Text: from Psalm 96.
Music: James MacMillan (b. 1959)

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 have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

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

***All*:** **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (SPR 267)

GUITING POWER



1. **Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!**
   Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
   Yours the glory and the crown,
   the high renown, the eternal name!

2. **Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!**
   Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:
   Yours the glory and the crown,
   the high renown, the eternal name!

3. **Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!**
   Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:
   Yours the glory and the crown,
   the high renown, the eternal name!

4. **Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!**
   Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:
   Yours the glory and the crown,
   the high renown, the eternal name!

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5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

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Voluntary Hymne d'action de grâce "Te Deum" Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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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.

Choral Evensong
today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalms 93, 97; 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Matthew 28:16-20
Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum
Address: Ruth MacIntosh
Music: Quartet
Responses: Grace Coberly
Canticles: Short Service – Richard Farrant
Anthem: Christus factus est – Felice Anerio

Flowers

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Margaret Ida Baal,
from Nancy.

Readings for November 29th – The 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9 Written after the return from exile, the prophet's cry is on behalf of everyone who yearns for God's powerful presence.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 The people lament God's absence but show faith in the power of God to rescue them.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Paul celebrates the rich testimony of the Corinthian church's faith in Christ and gives assurance of God's strengthening for future needs.

Mark 13:24-37 With image and parable, Jesus teaches that we are to live in expectation of God's reign.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Chuck	Charles & Frances	Paul C-S.
Zoe	John & Pat	Rick & Sylvia
Carol	Suzanne R.	Judy T.
Maddie A.	Julian M.	Eric
Marilyn B.	Melinda	Michael & family
Brittany	Brian & Carla T.	James. M.
Andrew	Christopher	Kevin & family
Dennis	Susan M.	Martin Y.
Bill	Jill & family	Mark & Daryl
Joshua	Tristan	Kate
Deb	Sheila	John C.
Sue G.	The Redhead Family	Michael

R.I.P.

Alec Readhead

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Sun. Nov. 29, 7pm

The Advent Procession



A dramatic candlelit sequence of readings, choral music, and hymns, exploring themes of Advent - the Eternal; the Promise; the Forerunner; the Incarnation; and the Coming Again.

Sung by the Choristers of St John the Divine.
Choral music by Paul Manz, Howard Skempton, Becky McGlade, Anna Lapwood, Orlando Gibbons, Kerensa Briggs, and Jonathan Dove Sanctus.



