

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Ascension Day

May 10, 2018

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 territories of the Lekwungen people.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John The Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of 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.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine, at the station nearest to where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations: please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered 'full communion' (also known as 'Communion in One Kind').

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable.

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.

7:30 pm Festival Eucharist

The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker

Readers: Mary Hendy, Chris Eve

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Janis Wheatley,
Sue Black, Gerry Melville, Graeme Brown

Intercessor: Kim Ball

Audio: Doug Adderley

Verger: David Pupak

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine; The
Choir of Christ Church Cathedral (Donald Hunt,
Director of Music); The MacRae Choral Scholars

Mass setting: *Missa Brevis* – Jonathan Dove
(b. 1958)

WELCOME

The Presider introduces the service.

INTROIT

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et
Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia.

*God is gone up with a merry noise, and the
Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Alleluia.*

Text: Psalm 46:5; Music G. L. di Palestrina (1525-1594)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 130, alt.)

ASCENSION

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship 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 IN EXCELSIS

Presider: Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

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

All: Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

At the end the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.
For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the
God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

At the end the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Before the Gospel:



Choir: Go and make disciples of all nations : for I am with you always to the end of time.



The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Presider: Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.' Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

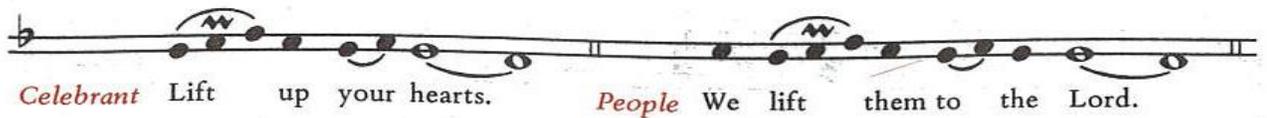
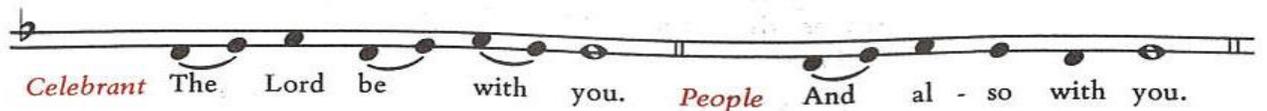
OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 374)

HYFRYDOL

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Blessed are you, O God,

**All: Eternal God,
our saviour Jesus Christ
has promised to be with us until the end of time.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and renew us in his transfigured life;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
 we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples,
 and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us;
 that where is he, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.
 Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels
 and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

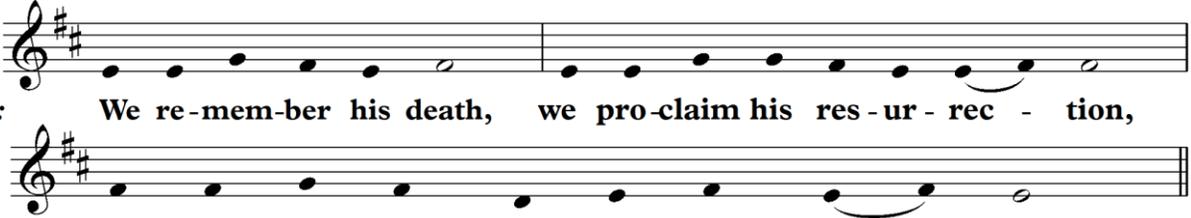
We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



All: We re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion,
we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

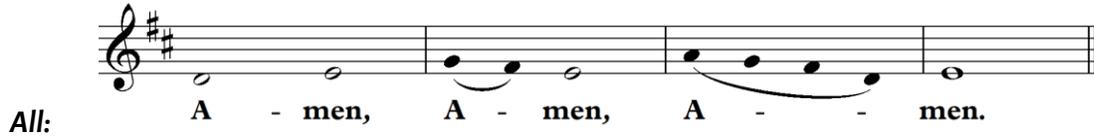
The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes with rests, and some phrases are connected by slurs.

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new, and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung by the choir*)

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

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

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

All are invited to receive communion at the side chapel, or at the altar rail. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. 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.

ANTHEM

God is gone up with a triumphant shout,
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies.
Sing praise, sing praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear heart-cramping notes of melody
Surround his chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Text: Edward Taylor (1642-1729), based on Psalm 47:5-6 and Psalm 24:7.
Music: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956).

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

Eternal giver of love and power,

**All: your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.**

**Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN (SPR 265)

GUITING POWER

VOLUNTARY

Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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