

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

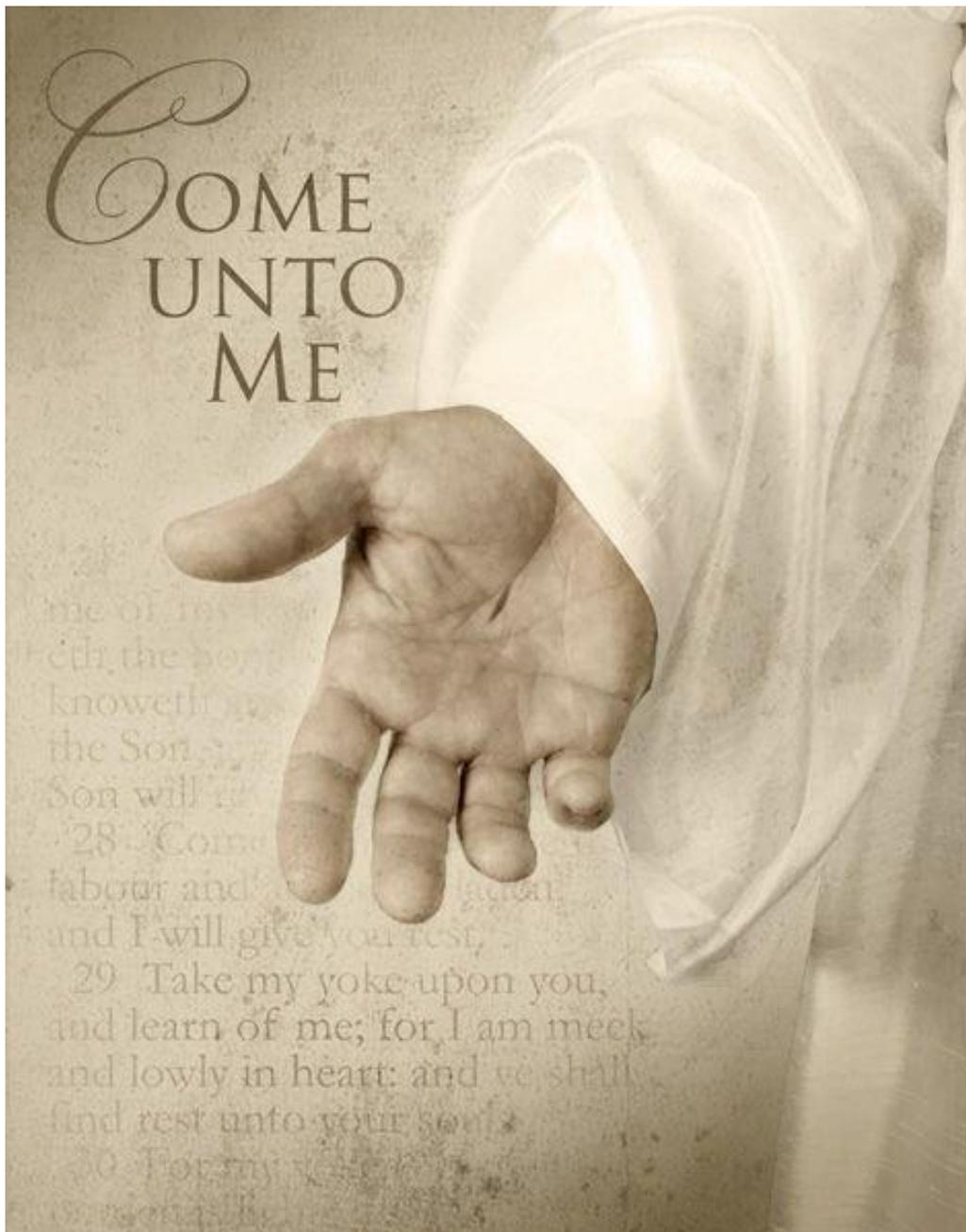
*October 4, 2020*

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 speaking 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.

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***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.

***Worship in a time of COVID-19*** : In these times when we must be careful in any gathering we have careful protocols in place for our limited gatherings on a Sunday – the plans are available to download on the Website, and for those unable to attend in person our services are also livestreamed there: <https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

**We will continue to meet on Sundays at 10am for our Parish Eucharist, and at 5:30 pm for a service of Evensong**, please check details on the website as to how to book for each service and the information needed to comply with Provincial requirements.

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website daily.

**Contacting Us:** We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca). If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group 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.

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

**Safety Officer:** Andrew Gates

**Reader:** Kit Pearson

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Gospel:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Sermon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Pianist:** David Stratkaukas (music director)

**Intercessor:** Lorraine Gates

**Cantor:** Aniela Erzinger (MacRae Choral Scholar)

**Sacristan:** Elizabeth McAuley

**Setting:** Missa Trinitatis (M. Larkin)

**Greeters:** Betty Miller, Lorraine Gates

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## The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Gathering

Presider: From wherever we are, near or far, we gather in the name God. We gather in God's love. There is no distance greater than God, there is no separation possible from the love of God. We gather with God our Loving Creator. We gather with Jesus our brother and redeemer. We gather with God, the Spirit of Love.

**All: Amen.**

For Brother Sun who brings the day and the light.

**All: We give you praise, O God.**

For Sisters Moon and Stars, gentle light precious and fair.

**All: We give you praise, O God.**

For Brothers Wind and Air, stormy and moody, bringer of rain.

**All: We give you praise, O God.**

For our Sister Water, who brings life wherever she goes.

**All: We give you praise, O God.**

For our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and gives us fruits, flowers and herbs.

**All: We give you praise, O God.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

## Lighting of the Family Candle

### The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

**All: you have called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray now, for all members of our family as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online. Through your spirit keep us united in love. Bless each of us with your beloved friendship. Teach us, gracious God, how to be your church in these times. Help us to know that we are your people, that we are your Family, always. Amen.**

### Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

### The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

Grant us, Almighty God,  
after the example of your holy servant Francis,  
to do what you would have us do,  
and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight,  
that cleansed by your love,  
enlightened by your truth,  
and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son  
and make our way to you, O God most High;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

**All: Amen.**

### The First Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

148:7-14

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and wingèd birds;  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens, old and young together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour  
is over earth and heaven.  
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the  
children of Israel, a people who are near him, hallelujah!

### The Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Cantor: Alleluia. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; for they shall be satisfied. Alleluia.

God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Here the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and

no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

*Following the sermon there will be a pause for silence.*

## Affirmation of Faith

With the whole church,

**All: we affirm that we are made in God’s image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere,

**All: we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation,

**All: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Iona Abbey Worship Book

## Prayers of the People

*Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.*

Please note that those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

## The Peace

*Please stand.*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.*

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Anthem

Holy art thou (based on Ombra mai fu) - G. F. Handel

Holy art thou, Holy art thou Lord God almighty.  
Glory and majesty, in Heaven above.  
Earth lowly bending, swells the full harmony.  
Blessing and glory to the Lamb, for evermore.  
For worthy art thou, worthy art thou.  
Let all nations and Kindreds and peoples give thanks to thee for evermore.

### The Prayer over the Gifts

In the name of all of us gathered, near and far, we present these our gifts to God. Let us pray:

Loving God, join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son, that our service may be stamped with his humility and bear the image of his obedience; through the same Jesus Christ our 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.*

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
because in the fellowship of your saints  
you have given us a glorious pledge  
of the hope of our calling.  
Therefore we join our voices with theirs  
as earth and heaven unite  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

Cantor: *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.*

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

### **All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.  
On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,  
"Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The Disciple's Prayer

As Christ taught his friends, and longing for the new life of God's reign,  
let us pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, who summons the salmon from the depths of the seas  
to yearn for the place of their origin.

**All: So may your Spirit stir in our hearts to return and find our home in you.**

Liturgy of the Islands, 2018, Diocese of Islands and Inlets

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*All are invited to receive communion. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread is considered full communion. 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 forward for communion 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.*

*Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.*

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## The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places, we spiritually share one bread.**

## Prayer after Communion

God of all goodness, who gave to your servant Francis a will to be the servant of all, grant us in our service of your gospel to hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives into the habitations of light and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), alt.

## The Blessing

## Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our loving God.

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

## Postlude

Our coffee hour will take place on Zoom at 11:00 am.

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## Readings for October 11<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving

**Exodus 32:1-14** Israel breaks covenant with God and Moses intercedes on behalf of the people.

**Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23** Our faithful God, who favours even a forgetful, unfaithful people, is praised.

**Philippians 4:1-9** With confidence and joy in Christ, Paul gives solid farewell advice.

**Matthew 22:1-14** This allegory speaks today to church leaders and members who accept Jesus and the Gospel but who do not live a life worthy of this choice.

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## Flowers

In memory and with great thanksgiving for the lives of Susan and Barry Jenks.



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## EVENSONG

**Every Sunday at 5:30pm - sung by a small ensemble of Choral Scholars**

Evensong is a contemplative, musical and prayerful liturgy, ideally suited to the end of the week and the close of day, and to this current time when we have been asked to avoid congregational singing, but still long for the depth and beauty of a choral liturgy.

**Register to attend at [stjohnthedivine.eventbrite.com](https://stjohnthedivine.eventbrite.com)**

Registration for each service opens Monday morning, and closes just before the service starts, so please do register to come.

*Usual safety protocols apply: please don't attend if symptomatic. See [stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](https://stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for more information on church safety during the pandemic.*

*Full-sized choirs are unable to participate in services at the moment due to attendance limitations and physical distancing guidelines - we will expand to our full choirs as soon as it is safe and permitted to do so! In the meanwhile, watch for extra-liturgical projects from both choirs over the course of the Autumn.*

**The following people have asked for our prayers.**  
Please keep them in mind as you go through your week.

Joyce	Bradley	Alan
Coumba, Mady, Idriss	Philip & Lisa	Derek
Hagos, Tsigay & family	Rhoda	John
Mavis	Silvana Carr	Linda
Alan	Carolyn	Glen Wakefield
Sohaila & Fawad	Nicholas	Helen
Anne	Patrick	
Harriet	Virginia	

**R.I.P.** – James Christianson

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## **The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine**

### **Stewards**

People's Warden: Joan Huzar  
Associate Warden: Lorraine Gates  
Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

Rector's Warden: vacant  
Associate Warden: Karen Coverett  
Treasurer: David Buckman

### **Parish Council**

Susan Bangrove, Carol Denton, Marguerite Heppell,  
Penny Holt, Erin Kelly, Bill Williamson

### **Synod Delegates**

Karen Coverett, Joel Hefty, Bill Huzar, Joan Huzar

### **Staff Supporting the Ministry of St. John's**

Rector: The Ven. Alastair McCollum  
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Canon Kevin Arndt  
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Bill Tarter  
Deacon: The Rev'd Patrick Sibley  
Curate: Stephanie Wood

Director of Music: David Stratkauskas  
Family Ministry Coordinator: Ruth MacIntosh  
Parish Administrator: Carol-Ann Zenger

### **Honorary Assistants**

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