

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

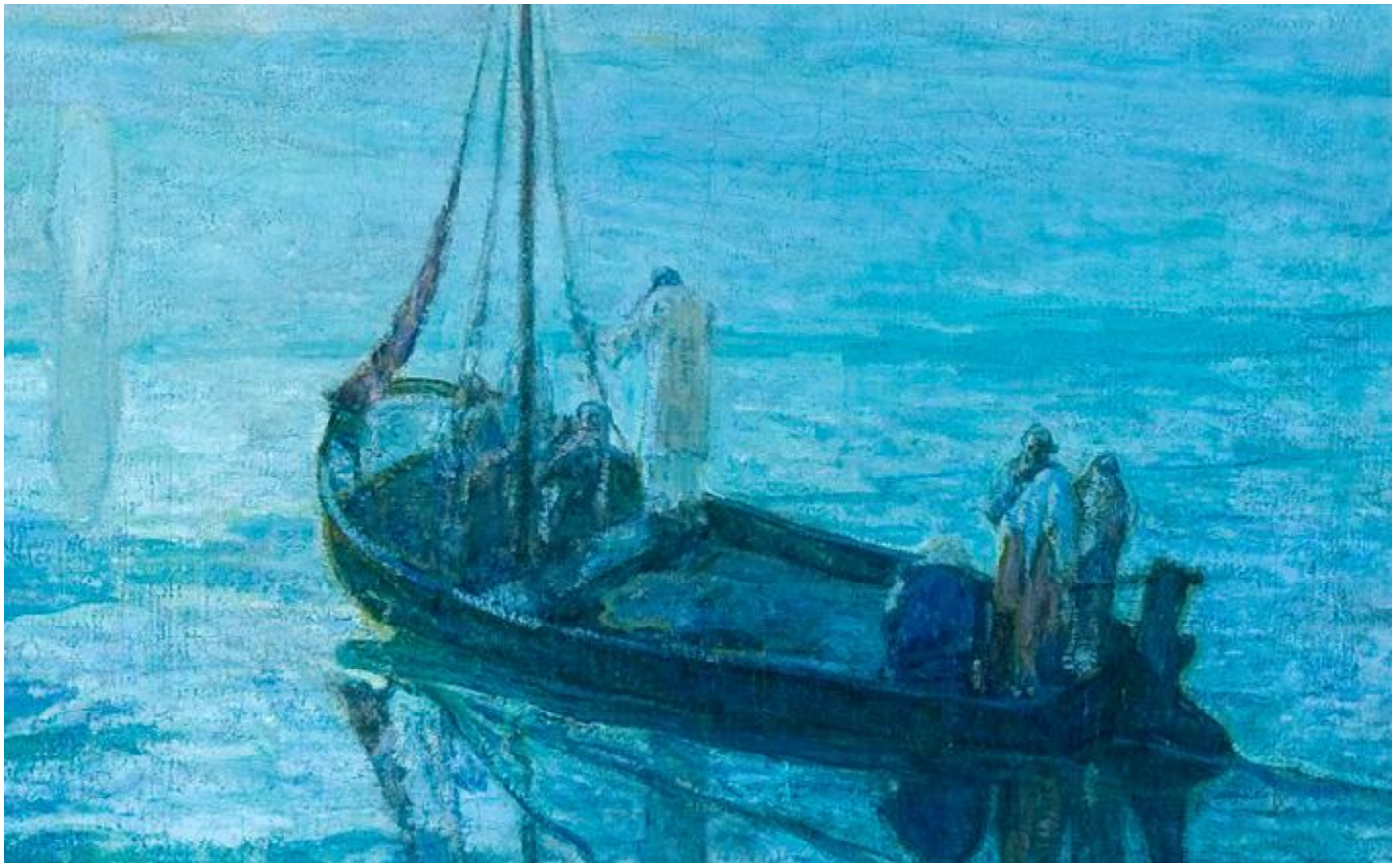
*August 9, 2020*

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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Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937) - *The Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water*, c. 1907.

***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.

***Social Distancing:*** In these times when we must practice social distancing our Sunday Services will be done remotely. You may find a link on our parish website

<https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

Other worship services will also be posted. If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet which is also posted on the web page.

**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. 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 hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.*

**Officiant:** Stephanie Wood

**Reader:** Virginia Miller

**Gospel:** Joan Huzar

**Sermon:** Bill Geimer

**Intercessor:** Peggy Wilmot

**Zoom Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Music:** David Stratkauskas (musician)

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## The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn (CP 310)

Mit Freuden Zart

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**4. Let all who name Christ's holy name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own God's 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.**

Text: Johan Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897).

## Gathering

God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Come Creator God, show us your peace.

**All: Come, God, come.**

Come Christ, Prince of Peace, bring us your peace.

**All: Come, God, come.**

Come Spirit of Grace, make our hearts havens of your peace.

**All: Come, God, come.**

## Collect for Purity

Almighty God  
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.

**All: Amen.**

## Lighting of the Family Candle

### The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

**All: you've called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray for all the members of our family, and especially for our young people now, tucked in their homes, surrounded by your love! We pray for the adults who care for them. Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive 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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.  
 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.  
 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who see the Lord rejoice.  
 Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.  
 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth.  
 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.  
 Then he called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.  
 He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
 They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.  
 Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.  
 The king sent and released him, the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
 He sent him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,  
 To instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom.  
 Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

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

## Music after the Sermon

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## 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

## A Song of Peace

*Refrain:*

**All: Spirit of God, teach us your ways,  
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

**All: That God may teach us his ways,  
and that we may walk in his paths.**

For the law shall go out from Zion,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**All: God shall judge between the nations,  
and shall mediate for many peoples.**

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

**All: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.**

O people of Jacob, come:  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2:3-5

**All: Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All: Spirit of God, teach us your ways,  
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

From Common Worship: Daily



## Prayers of the People

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

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## The Celebration of our Eucharistic Faith

*Though we are unable to share in Bread and Wine, we remember that we are people of God, joined together by the love of Christ. That we are incorporated into the body of Christ.*

*We remember our sharing in bread and wine is a symbol of our sharing in Christ's body and blood. And we join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.*

## The General Thanksgiving

God is here.

**All: God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

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

Creator God, we give you thanks that you are a generous, abundant,  
and gracious, host.

We thank you also that you became the guest of humanity.

In the Word made flesh you became guest of the animals in a stable,  
the villagers of Nazareth,

Religious Leaders in the temple, prostitutes, drunkards, and outcasts.

You let us play host, became one of us, dined at our table.

You ate the same bread, drank the same wine. You shared stories and you  
shared our story.

When you left the table, you left bread and wine to remember you by.

*Alternative Worship (Baker & Gay)*

Hear the words of Scripture, the story of how our Sacrament began. 1 Corinthians 11: 23-27

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us. For all the pains and insults you have borne for us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, 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.

**All: Amen.**

Loving God,

May the weary find a soft place to rest.

May the searching be met by the Sacred.

May the travellers be encouraged, be fed, be clothed, be received.

May the righteous see the fruits of their labour.

May the lonely find comfort in the night.

May the privileged take extravagant actions of solidarity.

May the complicit repent.

May the apathetic come to recognize the hardness of their hearts.

May the courageous have multitudes behind them.

May the creative write, paint, sing, and dance the truths we all need to feel.

May the fearful keep showing up, keep wrestling, keep taking steps.

May the unjust powerful step-down or be torn down.

May the mourning not be rushed to heal.

May the caretakers have their cups refilled.

May the Holy One within each of us rise

**All: Amen.**

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## 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.**

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# The Commissioning of the Community

## The Peace

Jesus said, "Peace I leave you, my own peace I give to you,  
Not as the world gives do I give you,  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us go from our prayers to proclaim the good news.

## Let Peace Prevail in This World

When you look for peace  
then the peace lies within you  
When you search for peace  
then it is not hard to find  
When you want to keep peace alive  
then you allow white doves to fly over you  
When you make peace with others  
then the whole world live in your heart  
When you let peace be in the world  
then you live in wonderful worldin  
When you allow peace flow around the world  
then your hateness will go and love will flow  
When you open the door for peace  
then peace welcome to your lives.  
Let the peace prevail in our wonderful world.

*Ravi Sathasivam*

## The Blessing

### Dismissal

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

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

1. **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can God say than to you hath been said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**
2. **“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
3. **When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
4. **When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**
5. **The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I’ll never—no, never—no, never forsake!”**

Text: John Rippon (1751-1836), called “K” in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787.

Our coffee hour will take place 15 minutes after the service has finished, continuing here in our Zoom meeting.

### **Readings for The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Genesis 45:1-15** Seeking to buy grain for their starving families, ten of Jacob's sons go to Egypt and come before the prime minister, who happens to be their brother Joseph.

**Psalms 133** How wonderful family harmony can be: extravagant and life-giving.

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32** Paul continues his discussion of God calling both Jew and Gentile to be God's people.

**Matthew 15:10-28** Jesus addresses the question of who is excluded from worshipping God by defilement. Then, outside of Jewish territory, he responds to the needs of a Gentile woman.

### **The Special Blue Envelope for August is for Refugees.**

This envelope is designated for the support of refugee families assisted by the Church of St. John the Divine.

Evensong last Sunday (Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>) was the first of hopefully many livestreamed Evensongs from St. John's (we eagerly anticipate allowing a small 'in person' congregation, too, as soon as it's possible!). The six singers included current and past St. John's Choral Scholars, including singers studying at, or alumni of, the VCM, UVic, and U of T. Music includes pieces by Eleanor Daley, Orlando di Lasso, and David Stratkauskas. As an evening service, it's recommended for listening at the close of day, but it's available on the St. John's Facebook page and website at any time:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=705930553301499>

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

Joyce	Arnon
Penny	Karen
Nolan	Anne
Coumba, Mady, Idriss	David, Kate, Laura and their families
David	Stanley
Hagos, Tsigay & family	Harriet
Andrew	Michelle
Mavis	Richard
Kathy	Geoffrey
Alan	Sussex
Kristjan and family	Bradley
Sohaila & Fawad	Robin
Silvanna & family	Anthony
James	Pat
Justin	
Robyn	

R.I.P - Catherine Wankeivich  
(pronounced van-kev-itch)

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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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