

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

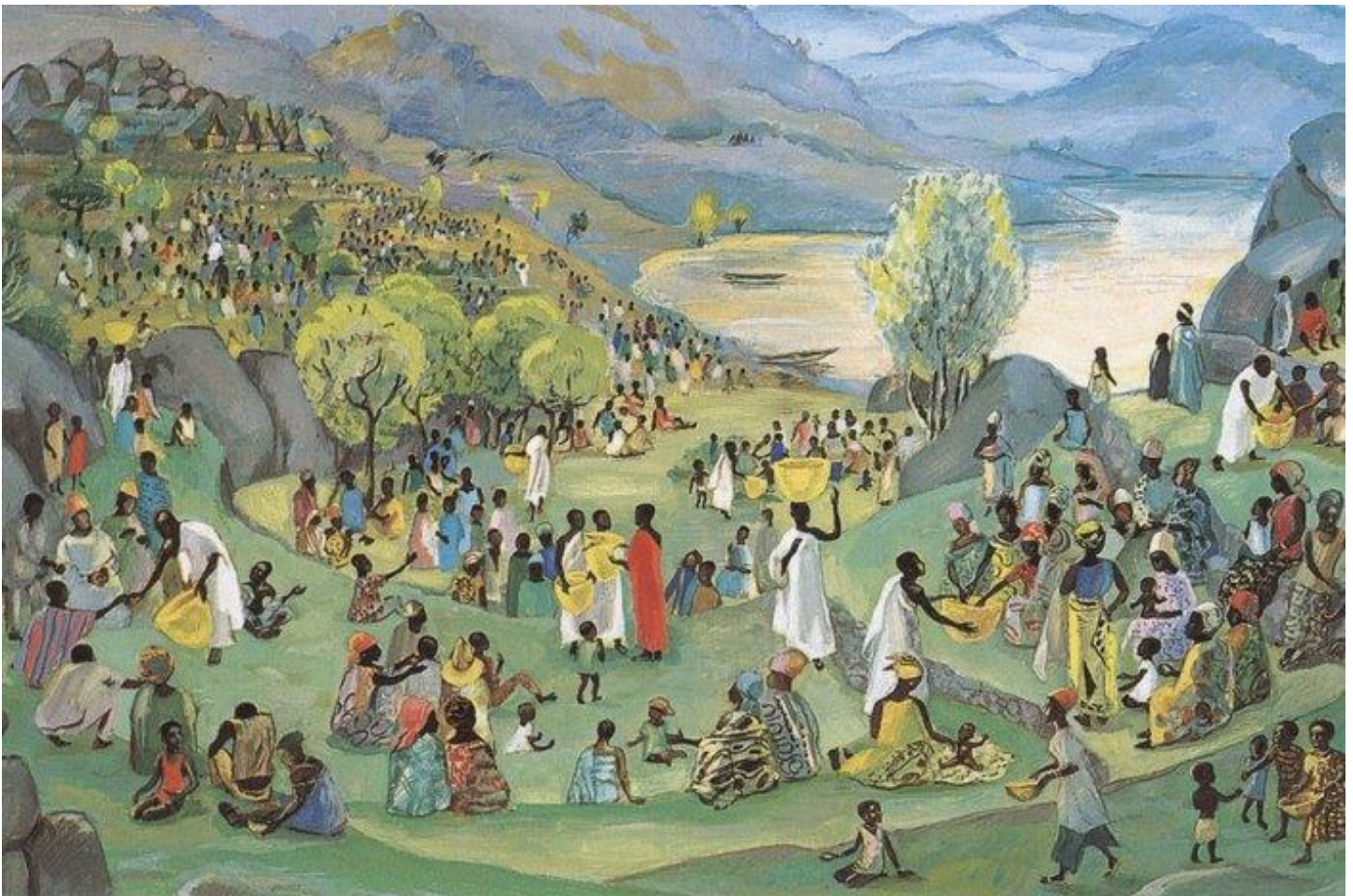
The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

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 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.



JESUS MAFA. Jesus multiplies the loaves and fish, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48287> [retrieved July 21, 2024]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>). Jesus Mafa was created to explain Christianity to the Mafa people of Cameroon, West Africa.

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.

St. John's is open for worship at **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service)**, **10:00 am (Holy Eucharist)**, **4:30 pm (BCP Evensong – on hiatus until September)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). **Soul Space (an informal Celtic service)** is every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Walking Together Chapel. If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or 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.

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. There are also envelopes in the book stand which can make your gifts tax efficient. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

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.*

Presider: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil
Greeters: Richard Routledge, Erin Kelly
Crucifer: Penny Holt
Sacristan: Judith Branion
Readers: Judith Branion, Merle Wall
Gospel: Carol Anne Harper
Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Kit Pearson
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Miller,
Patrick Samuel, Graeme Brown
Vergers: Douwe Bosma
Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett
Music: Patrick Sibley, Guest Organist

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The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Processional Hymn (CP 380)

HANOVER



- 1. O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**
- 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**
- 3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**
- 4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

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5. **Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**
6. **O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Text: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: Melody and bass – William Croft (1678-1727).

Gathering

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

Peruvian

Please listen to the minister and repeat.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Sustainer of the hungry,
like a mother you feed your children
until each is satisfied.
Turn our eyes to you alone,
so that, aware of our own deepest longings,
we reach out with Christ
to feed others with the depth of your love.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba, daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

The psalm will be said antiphonally, by the verse. The minister reads the first verse, everyone the second verse, and so forth.

The fool has said in their heart, “There is no God.” All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

God looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but God is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of God’s people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Text: 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 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



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| <p>1. I come with joy, a child of God,
 forgiven, loved, and free,
 the life of Jesus to recall,
 in love laid down for me.</p> <p>2. I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread.</p> | <p>3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
 The love that made us makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends.</p> <p>4. The spirit of the risen Christ,
 unseen but ever near,
 is in such friendship better known,
 alive among us here.</p> <p>5. Together met, together bound,
 by all that God has done,
 we'll go with joy, to give the world
 the love that makes us one.</p> |
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 Music: Melody – American trad.; coll. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

The Gospel

John 6:1-21

Before the Gospel:

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they

wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the address there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God, Creator who made all things?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God, living Word,
who embraces all creation?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God, life-giving Spirit,
who inspires the people of God?

All: We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Creator, Word, Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

We don't pass an offertory plate at St. John's, but we are grateful for your support of our ministry in the centre of Victoria. If you would like to contribute financially, there are a few ways you can do so - there is a QR code on page 2 of the leaflet which takes you to our Canada Helps page, and there is a donation box by the Garden door. Also, there is a collection plate at each entrance for people to leave their offering or blue envelope in. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the office.

Offertory Hymn (CP 397)

NETTLETON



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| <p>1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.</p> | <p>2. Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.</p> |
| <p>3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.</p> | |

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Music: *A Repository of Sacred Music: Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
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.

The Great Thanksgiving

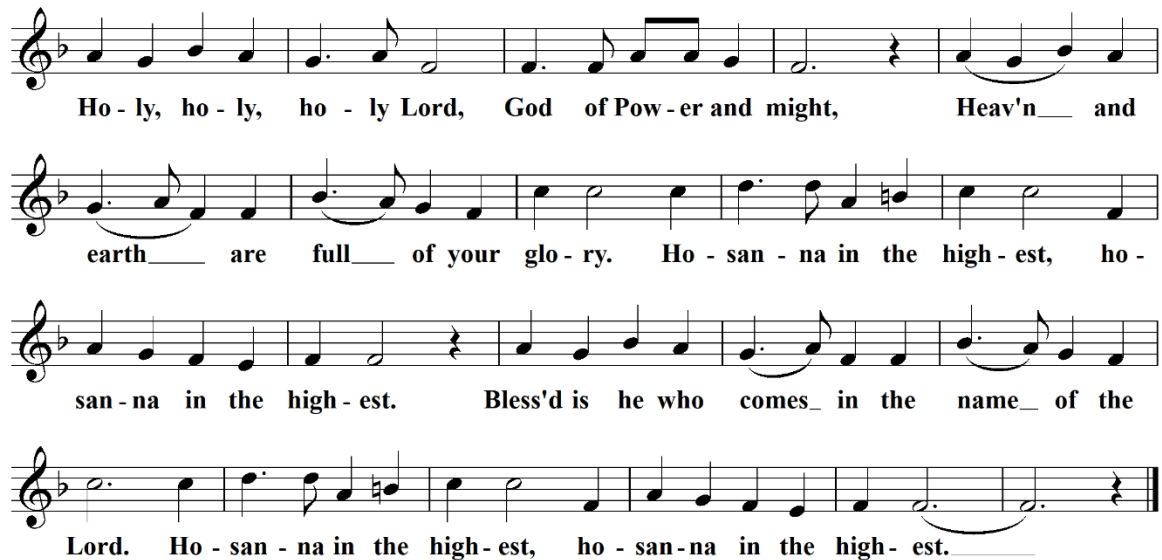
Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others, you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and might, Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 all
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!

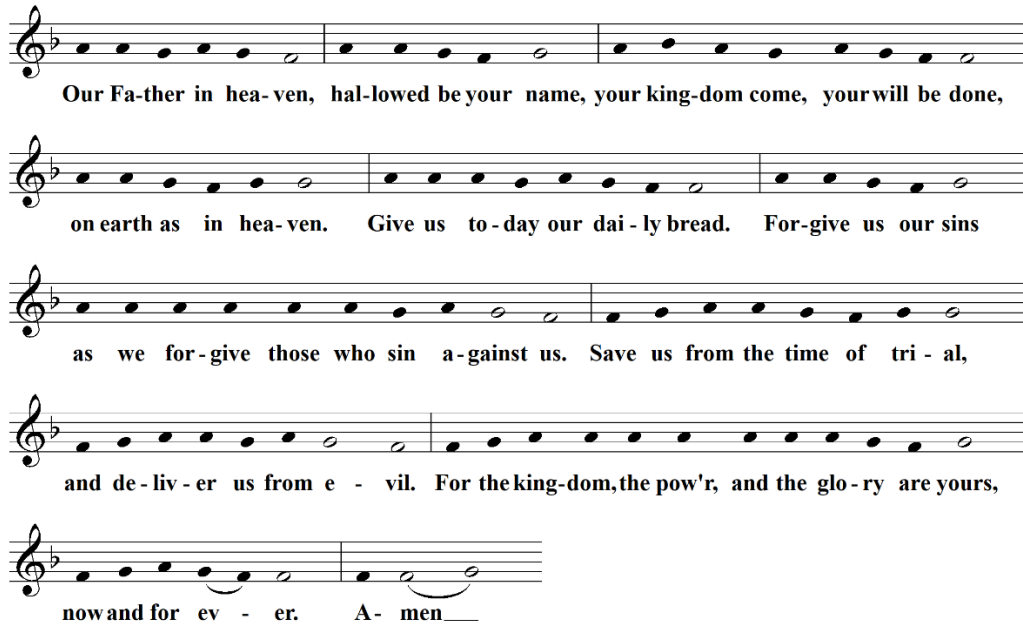
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

The Disciple's Prayer

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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.

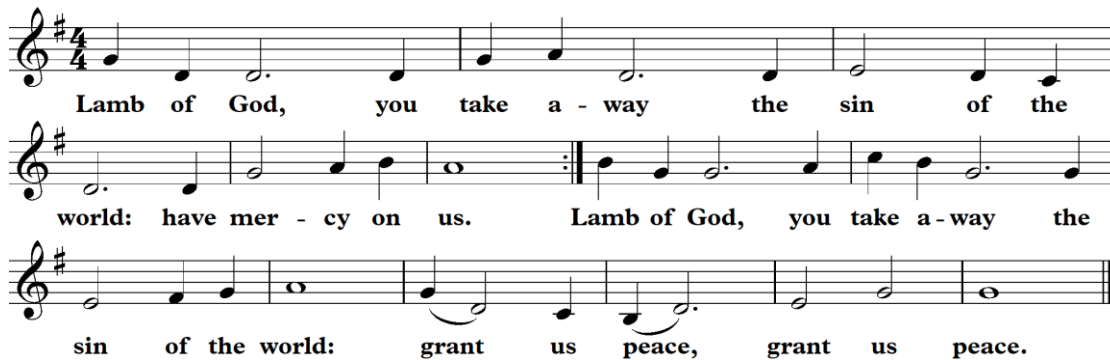
All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

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

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 565)

CWM RHONDDA



- 1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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Voluntary

Please join us on Zoom or in the garden for ice cream and fellowship.
Sunday Reflections is now in person in the Denson Lounge.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for and loving memory of our parents,
Reg and Blanche & Ray and Bunty, from Andrew and Lorraine Gates.



Readings for August 4th – The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a With the use of parable, Nathan confronts David with his own sin.

Psalms 51:1-13 Knowing his shortcomings, the psalmist asks for mercy and restoration of a right relationship with God.

Ephesians 4:1-16 Christians are to live in unity, with individual gifts used for the strength, maturity and unity of all in Christ.

John 6:24-35 Jesus is a new kind of manna that relieves hunger and thirst for all time.

Threshold Housing is the Blue Envelope for July

Threshold Housing Society was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Anglican parishioners to address the transitional housing needs of youth aged between 16 and 21 years who are at risk of homelessness. The Society provides supportive programming in the several homes it owns, and a new initiative which helps youth who are renters in private rooms or suites. Threshold Housing Society was incorporated as a charitable society under the BC Societies Act in March 1990.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Grace
Alberta & family
Gary
Andrew
Justin
Alexandria
John
Jill

Joshua
Derrick & Family
John & Pat
Catherine & Mark
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