

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

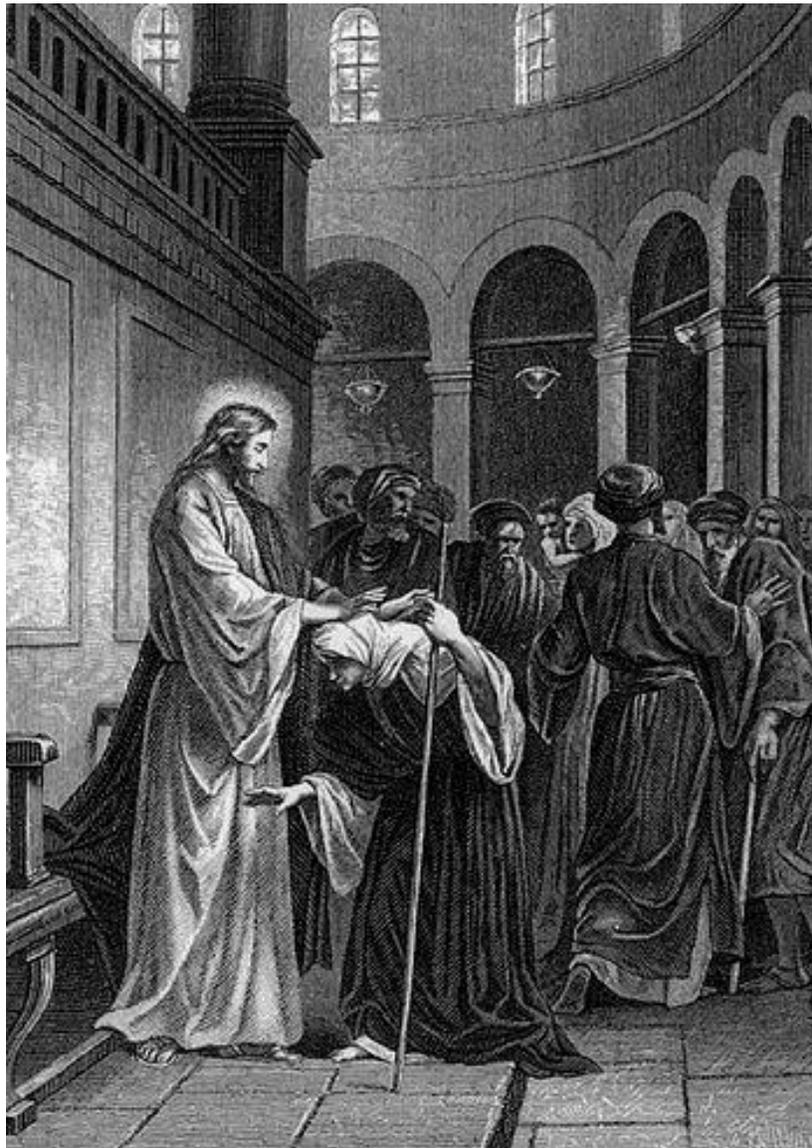
The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

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 (ex. 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 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. Gluten free wafers are available: 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 Garden. 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.

8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Grant Croswell

Preacher: The Venerable Alastair 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 Grant Croswell

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Verger: Douwe Bosma

Sub-Deacon: Matthew Cook

Audio: Walt Hundleby

Readers: Pat Payne, Karen Coverett

Organist: Matt Brown

Gospel: Graeme Brown

A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Cp 381)

PRAISE MY SOUL

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of the sabbath,
this is the day and this is the hour
when women long oppressed stand with dignity,
and when your healing escapes our desire for control:
may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts
and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds;
through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful
and the raiser of the dead.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:18-29

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 345)

GWALCHMAI

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

Before the Gospel

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

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess faith as we say,

**All: All We believe in the God of Life
The world maker, the starlighter,
The sun shiner, the beauty maker;
Provoking evolution from nothing but words of love.
We believe in Life**

**We believe in the risen Jesus,
The cross bearer, the tomb raider.
The hell-harrower, the death defier;
Embracing resurrection as the first-born from death.
We believe in life.**

**We believe in the Easter Spirit,
The life-giver, the breath bringer,
The body lover, the church birther,
Enabling communion with Jesus the Living One.
We believe in life.**

**We believe in the God of Life,
World-maker, cross bearer, life-giver
Trinity of hope leading creation to its liberation.
We believe in God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.

THE PEACE

Please stand.

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 434)

AURELIA

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God,
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,
now and for ever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 2, Book of Alternative Services

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By this resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.



All: **A men A - men A - men.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

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

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. 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 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.

MINISTRY OF HEALING

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP565)

CWM RHONDDA

VOLUNTARY

You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.

Coffee and tea will be served in the Garden.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13 The prophet speaks to Israel, the covenant people, reminding them whose they are and of God's invitation to repentance.

Psalms 81:1, 10-16 Israelites singing this psalm would be reminded that God wanted only the best for them.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Christian faith reaches fruition when the heart that believes opens itself generously to the needs of others.

Luke 14:1, 7-14 At a dinner hosted by a Pharisee, Jesus instructs his host and fellow guests on true honour that only God can bestow.

FLOWERS

Main 1

In loving memory of and thanksgiving for the lives of our family and friends from Margaret Walker.

Main 2

In joyful thanksgiving for the marriage of Rosanna Butterfield and Foster Wang.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday, August 26

1:30 pm Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

4:00 pm Meditation Chapel

Wednesday, August 28

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday, August 29

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

Friday, August 30

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Sunday, September 1

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

7:30 pm Evensong Church

EVENTS

Diviners' Walk – Friday, August 30th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers):

Colquitz Creek. Meet at rear of Tillicum Shopping Centre, at Colquitz Creek sign in parking lot. **Pub:** Susan Powell/Larry Scyner's home.

If you wish to join us for the meal only, please let Larry know ahead of time.

Announcements

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: patriciacmanning@gmail.com or leave the request at the church office.

Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ. Individual requests for intercessory prayer (read at Sunday and weekday services) may be made by filling out a **Prayer Request Card** available at the back of the church (on the west wall) or by emailing the same information requested on the card to: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

THIS IS A REMINDER - ART & SOUL, SUMMER ART CHALLENGE

To members of St. John's congregation, children of all ages and their friends: share with us your summer creations! Please let Gillian Barlow, Susan McCabe or Carol Ann know if you have work(s) to share with us. We need to know numbers by September 1st. We plan to have a Summer Art & Soul Challenge show on Sunday, September 15th, at coffee time in the Church Hall. Prizes will be awarded.

Divine Pies for sale Sunday, September 1 – Blueberry (some), Peach (lots), and Bumbleberry (some) – large \$12, small \$6. Contact Joan Huzar at jhuzar@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

There will be a **discussion** in the Denson Lounge after the 10am service on **Sunday 15th September** regarding the next steps to **organising a community event** to take the place of the Divine Brunch. All those who might be willing to contribute to arranging and/or running such an event are encouraged to come. More details in the coming weeks.

The Special Blue Envelope for August is for the Refugee Safe Haven Account.

After an urgent request from Bishop Logan last October, our parish has been co-ordinating support for a Senegalese Mom (who is also a French National) and her two young sons aged 10 and 3. The budget to get to the end of the year is \$18,000.

A small group from the Abbey Church, St. Peter & St. Paul and our parish, are keeping the family sheltered, fed, clothed and legally represented. The next hearing on 2 October will judicially review Immigration's refusal to grant Mom Permanent Resident Status on compassionate grounds.

We are keeping the family whole. For the time being Mom is legally unable to work, so she volunteers at places like Global Village and Quadra Village Centre. Mom has also joined the Diversity Choir which featured on CHEK6 News on Refugee Day. The elder son is doing better in school and the younger is at daycare.

For three years she successfully supported her family by working two jobs. I am very hopeful the legal process will be successful and that Mom will get her work permit back. Once that happens we can begin to phase out support. How soon that might be is impossible to say as the timing depends on the justice system.

If you have time, I need a team of volunteers who can provide childcare on Wednesday evenings for 2 hours starting in September and occasionally on weekends so Mom can go to gigs with her choir.

Chris Eve Email chriseve@shaw.ca

Vergers Needed: If you think you might like to be a Verger but not quite sure what they do, please contact Chuck Neilson at chuckger@gmail.com

An **endowment fund** has been created by the Senior Residents of the Cridge Centre for Family that will provide an **annual \$1,000 bursary for an indigenous student** enrolled in an approved program to upgrade their skills and employability. The hope is to raise \$25,000 with the Cridge Centre matching the first \$5K. This will create an annual \$1,000 bursary in perpetuity. Please see Marcia Williams for any questions you might have.

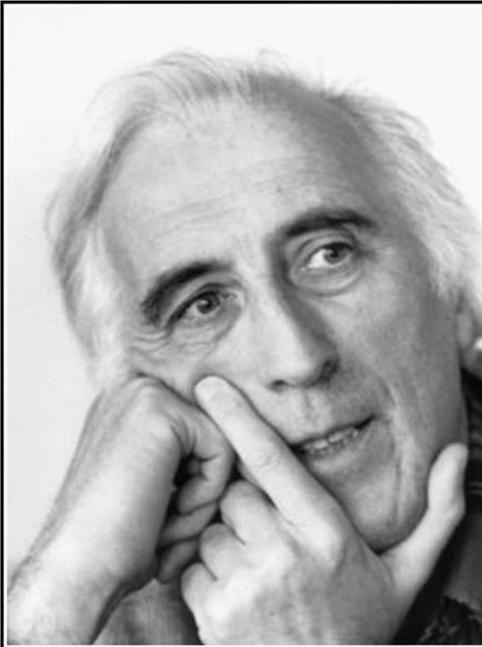
Whither our cushions? Our church cushions have gone walk-about. If you have some extra cushions at home, could you kindly donate them to the church. We keep them in a plastic storage box under the bell-rope, north-west door. Many thanks.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

“In principle, to be sure, the Reformation idea of the universal priesthood of all believers meant that not only the clergy but also the laity, not only the theologian but also the magistrate, had the capacity to read, understand, and apply the teachings of the Bible. Yet one of the contributions of the sacred philology of the biblical humanists to the Reformation was an insistence that, in practice, often contradicted the notion of the universal priesthood: the Bible had to be understood on the basis of the authentic original text, written in Hebrew and Greek which, most of the time, only clergy and theologians could comprehend properly. Thus the scholarly authority of the Reformation clergy replaced the priestly authority of the medieval clergy.”

Jaroslav Pelikan, *Jesus Through the Centuries: His Place in the History of Culture*



Community means caring: caring for people. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says: "He who loves community destroys community; he who loves the brethren builds community." A community is not an abstract ideal.

— Jean Vanier —

AZ QUOTES

I have learned to prize holy ignorance more highly than religious certainty and to seek companions who have arrived at the same place. We are a motley crew, distinguished not only by our inability to explain ourselves to those who are more certain of their beliefs than we are but in many cases by our distance from the centers of our faith communities as well.

Barbara Brown Taylor

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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