

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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 affirm that God's Love is for all people and all God's people are welcome here. We especially welcome all members of the LGBTQ2S+ community and their allies.



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 – 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.

8:00 am Holy Communion

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

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Preacher: Grant Croswell

10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Baptism

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.
A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.*

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: Grant Croswell

Readers: Christine Scott, Al Lehmann

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Audio: Doug Adderley

Organist: Esther-Ruth Teel

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 529)

MICHAEL

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.

Lord of abundance,
you demand our life entire and whole:
Lead us out from prisons of greed
to a place of riches uncontained and always new:
Through Jesus Christ, our wealth.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

107:1-9, 43

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 645)

DOWN AMPNEY

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good News of 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.

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Our candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: We present Alexander to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The Presider asks the following questions of the candidate and their sponsors answer.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Sponsors: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors: I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors: I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Alexander* in his life in Christ?

All: We will.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for *Alexander* who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered

the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called *Alexander* to new life through the waters of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour
as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and
renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISM

The minister sprinkles the candidate with water from the font.

*Alexander, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

All: Amen.

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon Alexander your servant the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: Amen.

THE WELCOME AND THE PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Alexander, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 339)

SLANE

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world
be signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image.
When we turned away from you in sin,
You did not cease to care for us
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.'

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,

That all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, almighty Father,

now and for ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

Eucharist Prayer 1, Book of Alternative Services

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

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

O God,
we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

THE BLESSING

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Creator.

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 399)

NUN DANKET

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Church Garden.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 11, 2019 – 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 The prophet criticizes the huge gap between Israel's worship and Israel's national life. **Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24** Cosmic images suggest that all creation witnesses the judgment of God. **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** Faith is defined as an inner conviction not necessarily supported by tangible evidence, and Abraham is named for his faithfulness. **Luke 12:32-40** Material wealth is not of and by itself bad, but attitudes toward it need to be healthy. As well, readiness in good works for Christ's return at an unexpected hour leaves no cause for anxiety.

FLOWERS

Main

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of H el ene, from Daniel, Ruth, Luc, Paul and Camryn.

Sunday Mornings with Children

During the summer we encourage young ones and their adults to experience worship! Don't worry about sounds and movement ... encourage curiosity and wonder! There will be some activities at the back table to keep little hands and minds busy during the service.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 5

The Office is closed for BC Day.

Wednesday 7

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

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday 8

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

Friday 9

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

Sunday 11

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

EVENTS

Diviners' Walk – Friday, August 9th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **View Royal Park.** Meet in Thrifty's parking lot, Hallowell Road and Admirals. **Pub:** Home of Pat & Anne Anderson.

If you wish to join us for the meal only, please let Pat and Anne Anderson know ahead of time.

Revalidation Service: It is with great joy that the Synod Office announces the reception of The Rev. Grant Crosswell to the Anglican Communion to exercise his vocation as a priest.

Sunday, August 18th @ 4:00 pm at St. John the Divine, Victoria, where Grant has interned for the last nine months. Bishop Logan will revalidate Grant's Holy Orders to exercise priestly ministry.

This is a community event and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.

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 eldest son is doing better in school and the youngest 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 speak contact Chuck Neilson at chuckger@gmail.com

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 the ritual of baptism, our ancestors acted out the bizarre truth of the Christian identity: We are people who stand totally exposed before evil and death and declare them powerless against love.”

— Rachel Held Evans

“Every call to worship is a call into the Real World ... I encounter such constant and widespread lying about reality each day and meet with such skilled and systematic distortion of the truth that I'm always in danger of losing my grip on reality. The reality, of course, is that God is sovereign and Christ is saviour. The reality is that prayer is my mother tongue and the eucharist my basic food. The reality is that baptism, not Myers-Briggs, defines who I am.”

— Eugene H. Peterson

“Most of us like thinking we are God's only children ... At least one of the purposes of church is to remind us that God has other children, easily as precious as we. Baptism and narcissism cancel each other out.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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