

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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 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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Audio: Doug Adderley

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Readers: Judith Branion, Chris Eve

Intercessor: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

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 347)

LEONI

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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

The Presider may introduce the prayers.

Loving God, Maker of all
All: have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
All: have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
All: have mercy on us.

Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings.

(Silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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All: Amen.

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The Presider reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of restless fire and urgent river's flow:
unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions;
unfold our hearts to sense your presence;
unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ,
the first of many brothers and sisters.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 5: 1-7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*Sung by the cantor*)

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.
Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.
They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (NEP 648)

KINGSFOLD (CP 508)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

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.

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 278/NEH381)

EWING

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: God is here

People: The Spirit is with us.

Presider: Lift up your hearts and minds.

People: We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

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

Holy and eternal One,
in whom we live and move and have our being.
You are our origin and our fulfilment;
we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal.

From the ocean of your primal love,
you fashioned the marvel of creation
and beauty of human life.

From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines,
you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation,
calling us to care for everything given and received.

All: Glory to you, source of all life.

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets
learned their dependence on your provision,
salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar,
hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

All: Glory to you, source of all life.

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world
to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself,
and make all things new in him.

Now, gathered from many places,
and joining with the saints of every time and place,
we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise:

SANCTUS

Blessed are you, most holy One:
For on the night before he died
Jesus took bread, gave you thanks,
broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said:
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you,
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup,
gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is given for you,
do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, God of all creation,
we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us,
that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread,
and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

All: Glory to you, source of all life.

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ,
and bring us to that heavenly table,
where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.
Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you,
Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

Liturgy of the Islands, Prayer B

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 DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 503)

DUKE STREET

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 AUGUST 25

Jeremiah 1:4-10 The young Jeremiah is a reluctant prophet, thinking he is ill equipped to speak for God.

Psalms 71:1-6 The song of a faithful person, late in life, urges and praises God's constancy.

Hebrews 12:18-29 With powerful images from the old and new covenants, we are urged to worship through Christ, and with thanksgiving, the living God, who is our judge.

Luke 13:10-17 Jesus heals on the Sabbath and then challenges the hypocrisy of those who would not rejoice.

FLOWERS

Main

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my sister Caroline Chan, from Adrienne.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge
4:00 pm Revalidation Service for Grant Croswell Church

Monday, August 19

2:00 pm Memorial for John Money Church

Tuesday, August 20

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Wednesday, August 21

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday, August 22

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

Sunday, August 25

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel
10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church
11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

EVENTS

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

Today, 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.

“She Moved through the Fair: Songs of Love and Loss” Concert

Today, Sunday August 18th, 7:30 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. Harpist and vocalist Esther-Ruth Teel will be joined by special guests including Elanor Teel and Caleigh Aalders for a beautiful evening of song.

Diviners' Walk – Friday, August 23rd – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers):

Royal Roads. Meet at the parking lot at corner of Aldeane Road and Sooke Road, opposite main gate of Royal Roads. **Pub:** 4 Mile Pub, 199 Old Island Highway, 250-479-3346.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

“Compassion constitutes a radical form of criticism, for it announces that the hurt is to be taken seriously, that the hurt is not to be accepted as normal and natural but is an abnormal and unacceptable condition for humanness.”

— **Walter Brueggemann**

Give

Of all the public places, dear
to make a scene, I've chosen here.

Of all the doorways in the world
to choose to sleep, I've chosen yours.
I'm on the street, under the stars.

For coppers I can dance or sing.
For silver-swallow swords, eat fire.
For gold-escape from locks and chains.

It's not as if I'm holding out
for frankincense or myrrh, just change.

You give me tea. That's big of you.
I'm on my knees. I beg of you.

Simon Armitage

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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