

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*National Indigenous Day of Prayer*

*June 21, 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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Artwork above chapel doors to the Walking Together Chapel  
The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria, BC  
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***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](mailto: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:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley  
**Readers:** Joel Durkovic, Sarah Kell  
**Gospel:** Stephanie Wood  
**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Intercessor:** Peggy Wilmot  
**Zoom Technician:** Karen Coverett  
**Music:** David Stratkauskas (musician)  
Dahlia Adamson (cantor)

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## The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn (CP 576)

Westminster Abbey

- 1. For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.**
- 2. Lead us, Father, into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.**
- 3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common request for justice,  
may we hallow life's brief span.**
- 4. You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.**

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## Gathering

God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**All: Creator, we give you thanks for all you are  
and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.  
In Jesus, you place the Gospel  
in the centre of this sacred circle  
through which all creation is related.  
You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.  
Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment  
as we grow in your spirit,  
for you are God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The officiant or Family Minister lights a candle/taper.*

Come, God, Creator, makes us one in Christ.

**All: Come to us, O God.**

Come, God, living Word, open our hearts to your life.

**All: Come to us, O God.**

Come, Spirit of love, make us people of transformation.

**All: Come to us, O God.**

## 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.*

Creator God,

from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.

You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership,

may be strengthened and guided

to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

**All: Amen.**

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# The Proclamation of the Word

## The First Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

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The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard. Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## The Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

John 1:1-18

God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Here the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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*

*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,

**Al:l 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

## 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.

Creator, you bless us  
with many good gifts  
returned to you from your creation.  
Feed us with the Bread of Life,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## 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.**

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN

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.**

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers.

**All: Amen.**

The Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon

## The Lord'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

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us pray

**All: Jesus Christ, our leader, you are the Son of the Creator. Today we became your children today we became your grandchildren. We will live as you have taught us. We will follow your commandments. Watch over us. Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, from the passing thunder and the deep waters. Before us there is beauty, behind us there is beauty. Allow us to walk a long life in happiness completed in beauty. Amen.**

*From the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN*

## The Blessing (Incumbent)

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you.

And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always.

**All: Amen.**

Blessing attributed to The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong

## Dismissal

### Final Hymn (CP 364)

**1. God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him,  
And exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heav'ns above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love.**

**2. God is Love: and she enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp she holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.**

**3. God is Love: and though with blindness**

**Sin afflicts our human hearts,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holding, guiding, grace imparts.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.**

Text: Timothy Rees (1874-1939).  
Music: Anthony Caesar (1924-2018).

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



Alternative Canadian flag design inspired by Aboriginal motif.  
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## Readings for The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 28

**Genesis 22:1-14** Abraham's faith in God and God's promises is tested, and we learn that God does not require sacrifice of children.

**Psalms 13** A personal lament ends in joy.

**Romans 6:12-23** Christian bondage is not imposed slavery but obedience to righteousness freely given.

**Matthew 10:40-42** Hospitality and acts of mercy extended to a disciple are, in effect, extended to Christ himself.

### The Special Blue Envelope for June is for PEERS.

PEERS Victoria Resource Society is a non-profit society established by former sex workers and community supporters. It provides support, resources and programs for past and current sex workers of all genders, such as help with housing, education, and advocacy services etc.

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

Joyce

Penny

Nolan

Coumba, Mady, Idriss

David

Hagos, Tsigay & family

Andrew

Mavis

Kathy

Alan

Kristjan and family

Sohaila & Fawad

Silvanna & family

James

Justin

Robyn

Arnon

Karen

Anne

David, Kate, Laura and their families

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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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