

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 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 (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 Church Hall – 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 Grant Croswell

Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.

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Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Readers: Elizabeth McAuley, Beryl Roundhill

Sermon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

Audio: Ann McLaren

Verger: David Pupak

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,
The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The children are invited to gather at the back of the church and join in the procession.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Text: Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity. / Music: Thomas Mudd (c. 1560-c. 1632).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 524)

AURELIA

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.**

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER

After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.

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, here and absent,
and especially for our young people now as they continue their worship.
Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of the dispossessed, you teach us to hunger for justice
even when the weak are shut out and the powerful turn over in their beds:
in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints,
give us courage to protest, the persistence to pray and the heart to love;
through Jesus Christ, the true judge.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.
Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.
I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.
I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.
I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.
I do not shrink from your judgements, because you yourself have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
Through your commandments I gain understanding; there I hate every lying way.

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (SP 265)

CLOTH FAIR

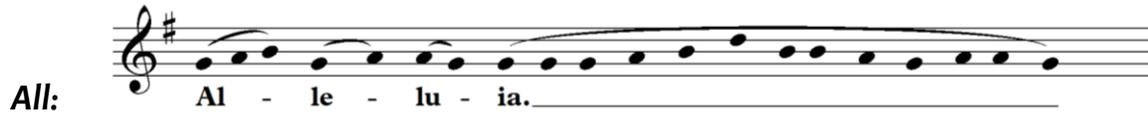
THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-18

Before the Gospel



Cantor: The word of God is living and active: it sifts the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 477)

RUSTINGTON

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

Prayer 4, Book of Alternative Services



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 right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
You are worthy of glory and praise.



All: Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

At your command all things came to be:
The vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.
From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.



All: Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you send your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.



All:

Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, 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."



All:

Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Pour your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.



All: Glo-ry to you for ev-er and ev-er. A - - men.

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.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

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.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION:

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis eius; mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

Text: Eucharistic hymn. / Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 348)

LEONI

VOLUNTARY

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

Divine Brunch, coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 27TH – THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Joel 2:23-32 The prophet Joel speaks of a coming time of prosperity and great outpouring of God's spirit.

Psalms 65 God of our salvation is praised and with memorable images from nature.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 In a mood of somber but confident farewell, we are given a faithful example of confronting death, measuring life, and facing the future.

Luke 18:9-14 God alone restores us to right relationship with ourselves, with others, and with God.

FLOWERS – GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of my mother, Sarah, and my sister, Megan, love from Mary Alford.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

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| 11:30 am | Divine Brunch | Hall |
| 2:00 pm | Pflag | Denson Lounge |
| 6:00 pm | 3 rd Sunday Service - Healing | Church |

Monday 21

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| 1:00 pm | Garden Eucharist | Memorial Garden |
| 2:00 pm | Book Study | Chapel |
| 4:00 pm | Living Presence Meditation | Chapel |

Tuesday 22

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| 10:00 am | Food Bank | Church Basement |
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Wednesday 23

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| 7:45 am | Holy Communion followed by Breakfast | Chapel/Denson Lounge |
| 9:30 am | Sermon Circle | Denson Lounge |
| 12 Noon | Art & Soul Drop-In Group | Church Basement |

Thursday 24

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| 12:10 pm | Meditative Eucharist | Chapel |
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Friday 25

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| 10:00 am | Food Bank | Church Basement |
| 6:00 pm | kidspace | Church & Parish House |
| 7:00 pm | Concert: iTromboni (North America's only professional trombone quintet) | Church |

Sunday 27

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

EVENTS

This month sees the start of '3', our new **Sunday evening services**, on the third Sunday of each month (the name needs work, I know). At 6:00 pm each third Sunday we will have a different kind of service, **tonight** there will be a Eucharist with prayers for healing, to celebrate the feast of St Luke. In November it will be an all-age celebration, in December our special service of lessons and carols. Look out for more details as these events get closer!

Evensong will still be, as always, offered on the first Sunday of each month, at 7:30 pm – the Anglican tradition's quintessential evening service of peace and contemplation.

On Sunday, November 3rd there will be an All Souls Evensong at 7:30 pm. This service will provide a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of the faithful departed, particularly those who have died in the last 12 months. **Please list names of deceased you wish to have read at the service on sheets provided at the Church office counter, at the back of the Church or at the Garden door.**

St. John's Social Justice and Action Group
presents

Climate Crisis - The Call to Action is NOW

Two presentations by public health and ecological educators and advocates with extensive knowledge of the problem and who are organizing to address it followed by discussion:

Thursday, November 7, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

"Welcome to the Anthropocene: Towards a One Planet Region"

a talk by Dr. Trevor Hancock, Professor of Public Health and Senior Researcher, U Vic.

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

"Environmental Violence: Trying to Understand, Confront, and Reduce our Damages"

a talk by Dr. Rick Kool, Professor of Environment and Sustainability. Royal Roads University

Both sessions in the Denson Lounge. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served.

Kristallnacht: "Remembrance and Action."

Each year, we commemorate Kristallnacht (night of broken glass), which was the beginning of the tragic history of attacks on European Jews. The commemoration this year will be at Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, 1461 Blanshard St., on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 pm.

Announcements

PWRDF MOMENT - World Food Sunday:

Around Thanksgiving, people and communities of faith express gratitude to God for all they have been given. We are also called to help create a world where no one lives in scarcity. The Gospel teaches us to care for the most vulnerable members of society and seek a just sharing of wealth. Access to food is a basic right! However, climate change, conflict, and growing inequality around the world means that the most vulnerable people don't have enough food. As World Food Sunday is being celebrated today we have an opportunity to pray and reflect on the call of people of faith to a more robust and compassionate world.

A Prayer for World Food Sunday (by Alydia Smith)

Creator -- Conspire with us to create a world where all have access to nutritious and sustainable food sources, and none lives with scarcity or food insecurity.

Redeemer -- Save us from oppressive and unjust systems, mobilize us to be a part of a world response that works in partnership with those of good-will to foster equitable resource sharing.

Sustainer -- Cultivate our resilience and expand our imaginations, so that we might continually find new ways to answer the call to end hunger— until all may flourish.

Amen.

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning 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 **Art and Soul** group will continue to meet in the Church Basement on Wednesdays. But **please note** the following extended hours: doors open at 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. So do drop in. By donation.

The Special Blue Envelope for October is Out of the Rain

The Out of the Rain Youth Night Shelter is a community project, providing shelter to homeless youth during the coldest months of the year. A coalition of community agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers work together to provide space, professional support, and food for the shelter. The shelter rotates among host sites in the community. Out of the Rain volunteers support staff as helpers or cook hot meals.

All Coffee & Tea Drinkers

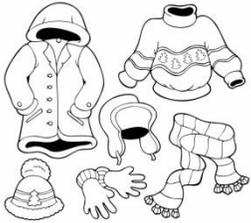
If you enjoy socializing after church, please consider being part of a team for this Sunday morning hospitality. The more teams we have the less frequently you will be scheduled.

Please speak with Carol-Ann if you are interested.

Out of the Rain News:

Our weekly night shelter for homeless kids opened last week. We provide a safe warm space for them to sleep, a hot supper, a muffin breakfast and 2 youth workers who supervise overnight. We serve around 15-25 kids each Monday night over the winter. If you feel like you might like to help, you can provide a hot casserole, stay and serve it if you like, or provide 4 dozen muffins, or (a favourite) provide 4 dozen cookies. With enough volunteers you would only need to do this about twice during the season, which ends April 15, 2020. Other donations we love to have are hot chocolate (the kind you mix with water), hot sauce, ketchup, tea, coffee, peanut butter and jam. Our donation bin is in the back hallway near the Denson Lounge.

Please contact Karyn Lehmann.



From now until Sunday, November 3rd, please bring the **WINTER COATS** that you wish to give to Cool Aid Society, Sandy Merriman House, or Out of the Rain Youth Shelter, to the Office Foyer. Two parishioners have volunteered to distribute the coats to the various organizations.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

Jacob Wrestles with the Angel

I dare not face my brother in the morning,
I dare not look upon the things I've done,
Dare not ignore a nightmare's dreadful warning,
Dare not endure the rising of the sun.
My family, my goods, are sent before me,
I cannot sleep on this strange river shore,
I have betrayed the son of one who bore me,
And my own soul rejects me to the core.

But in the desert darkness one has found me,
Embracing me, He will not let me go,
Nor will I let Him go, whose arms surround me,
Until He tells me all I need to know,
And blesses me where daybreak stakes its claim,
With love that wounds and heals; and with His name.

Malcolm Guite

“Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressman and government officials, but the voters of this country.” ~ *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

“Politics draws lines between people; in contrast, Jesus' love cuts across those lines and dispenses grace. That does not mean, of course, that Christians should not involve themselves in politics. It simply means that as we do so we must not let the rules of power displace the command to love.”

– Philip Yancey

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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