

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

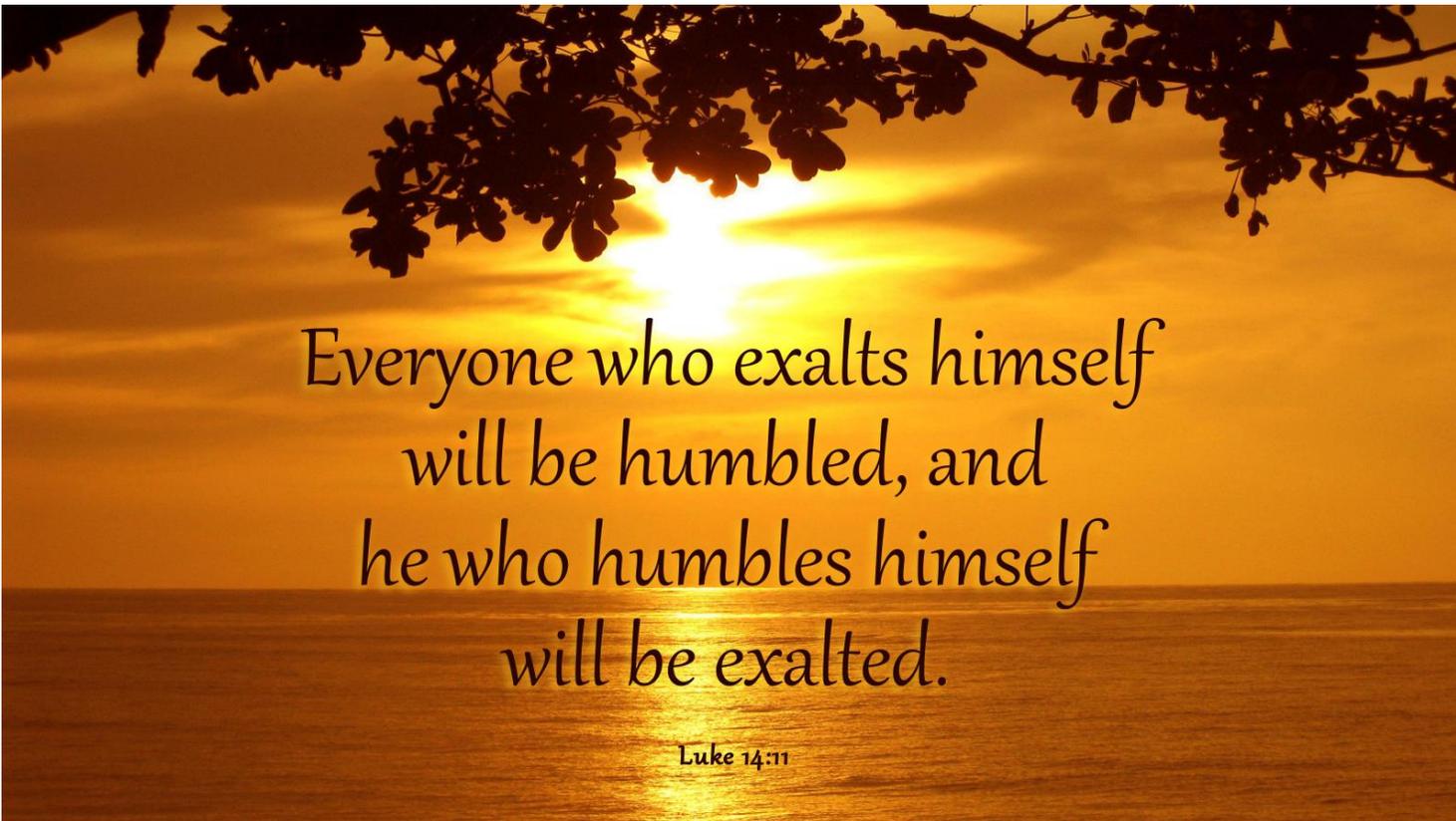
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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.



Everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, and
he who humbles himself
will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Preacher: Matthew Cook

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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Vergers: Rand Harrison

Sermon: Matthew Cook

Audio: Al Lehmann

Gospel: Chris Eve

Readers: Doug Henderson, Margaret Walker

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

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 (NEP 644)

THAXTED

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.

Please repeat "Lord have mercy" or "Christ have mercy" after the priest.

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 power and justice,
like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you
and who enter into chaos and destruction.
By your tears and through your mercy,
teach us your ways and write them on our hearts,
so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”**

And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.

**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

**I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.**

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.

**But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 387)

ENGELBERG CP 598

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 78)

SCHMUCKE DICH

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

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

All: 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.

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, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
so that more and more we will you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 377)

REGENT SQUARE

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.

7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Music: Members of the Choristers of St. John the Divine.

Lectionary: Church of England, 2nd Service

An **INTROIT** may be sung by the choir

RESPONSES *(Please stand)*

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord;

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN (CP 13)

NUNC DIMITTIS

PSALM *(Please sit; stand for the final Gloria Patri)*

Psalm 119 (81-96)

FIRST LESSON *(Please sit)*

Isaiah 33:13-22

MAGNIFICAT *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 1:46-55)

SECOND LESSON *(Please sit)*

John 3:22-36

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 2:29-32)

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand – recited by all)*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the Queen;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
(OR And evermore mightily defend us.)

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who declares thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT *For Peace.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE THIRD COLLECT *For Aid Against All Perils.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANTHEM *(Please sit – sung by the choir)*

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

HYMN (CP 624)

HEREFORD

VOLUNTARY



Welcome Back - Next Sunday, Sept. 8th we commence our Fall Program with a welcome back during the 10:00 am service, a chance to re-connect after the summer holidays followed by a **BBQ in the garden** for the whole parish family (**bring a salad or dessert to share**; drinks and grilled foods will be provided; donations welcome on the day).

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11 The prophet compares the people of Israel to a faulty pot that the potter scraps at the wheel and starts to build over again.

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17 Knowledge of God's intimate love fills the psalmist with wonder.

Philemon 1-21 Paul writes to his friend Philemon, asking him to take back into his household an escaped slave, Onesimus, who has become a follower of Christ while in the same prison as Paul.

Luke 14:25-33 Jesus urges his followers not to act on impulse, to think through their decision to follow him.

FLOWERS

Main

In memory of Altaire, loving daughter, sister, wife and mother, from her parents, Ted and Vorna Butler.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflection Denson Lounge

Monday, September 2

The office is closed for Labour Day

Tuesday, September 3

10:30 am St. John's Court Board Meeting Denson Lounge

7:00 pm Parish Council Denson Lounge

Wednesday, September 4

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

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

1:30 pm Art & Soul Group Crypt

Thursday, September 5

10:30 am Social Justice and Action Group Denson Lounge

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

Friday, September 6

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Sunday, September 8

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:30 am Welcome Back BBQ Garden

EVENTS

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

Diviners' Walk – Friday, September 6th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Layritz and Logan Parks**. Meet at Mann Avenue, one block west of Wilkinson (dead end), or on Mann across the road from Wilkinson (near the Mormon Church). **Pub:** Crooked Goose Bistro, 4136 Wilkinson, 250-590-4556.

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

St. Mary's (1701 Elgin Road, Oak Bay) Churchmouse Autumn Book Sale, Saturday, September 7th, 9am-2pm. The regular Saturday Churchmouse Book sales are pretty impressive but this one is HUGE. In addition to the hundreds and hundreds of quality pre-owned books that you expect to find on the shelves, the pews of St Mary's will be filled with many hundreds more. Browse dozens of new titles in every category. Enjoy live music by James Hamilton & Friends and sample refreshments including tea and coffee as well as tasty morsels from the grill.

You are invited to an Organ Concert – “Crowd Pleasers Only!” on Saturday, September 7th at 2:30 pm in St. Luke's Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Rd. This fabulous concert will feature performers David Berry, Nicholas Fairbank, Sandra Fletcher, Rosemary Laing, Jennifer Mitchell, Christine Purvis, Matthew Robertson, and Susanne Reul-Zastre, and will showcase organ music from Bach to Widor. Admission by donation. Suggested donation is \$20. Free parking. Wheelchair accessible. More info at www.stlukesvictoria.ca/events or call 250-477-6741.

There will be a **discussion** in the Denson Lounge after the 10am service on **Sunday, September 15th** regarding the next steps to **organizing 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.

Taizé Services for Autumn, 2019

Ecumenical Taizé services return to James Bay United, 511 Michigan St., on Fridays, September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 for meditation. Start your weekend with this quiet service of chant, prayer and scripture. Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence.

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 today**. We plan to have a Summer Art & Soul Challenge show on Sunday, September 22nd, **(please note change of date)** at coffee time in the Church Hall. Prizes will be awarded.

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 September is for the Food Bank at St. John's. The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

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

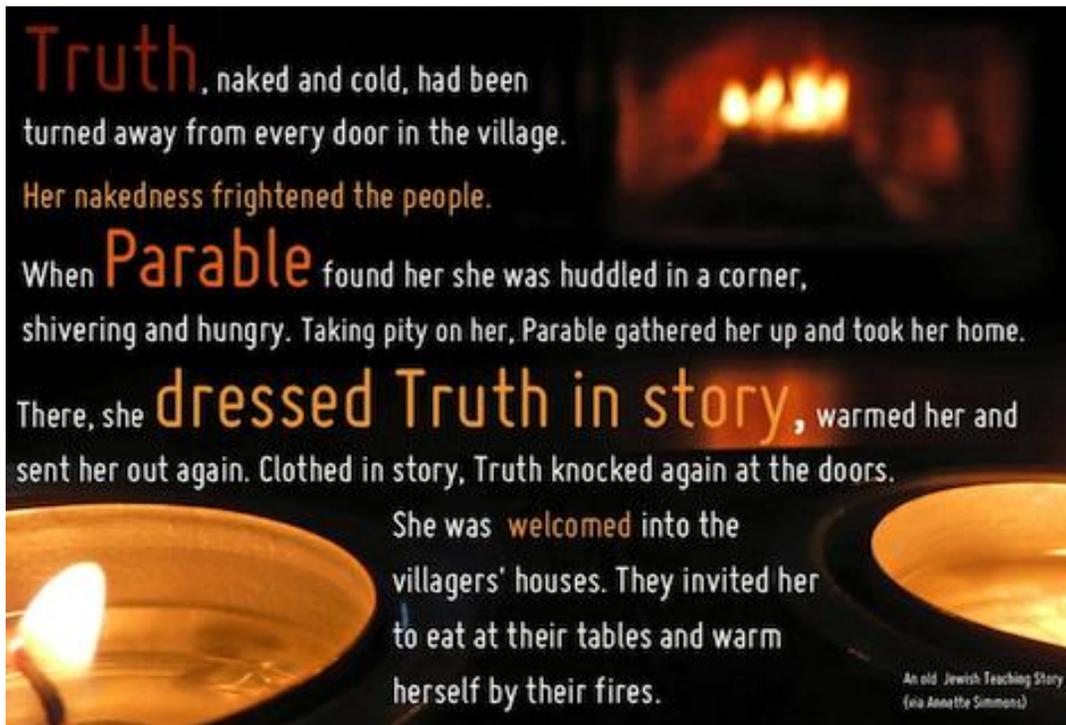
Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

The Lowest Place

Give me the lowest place: not that I dare
Ask for that lowest place, but Thou hast died
That I might live and share
Thy glory by Thy side.

Give me the lowest place: or if for me
That lowest place too high, make one more low
Where I may sit and see
My God and love Thee so.

Christina Rosetti



“Jesus was killed. This is one of those facts that everybody knows, but whose significance is often overlooked. He didn’t simply die; he was executed. We as Christians participate in the only major religious tradition whose founder was executed by established authority. And if we ask the historical question, “Why was he killed?” the historical answer is because he was a social prophet and movement initiator, a passionate advocate of God’s justice, and radical critic of the domination system who had attracted a following. If Jesus had been only a mystic, healer, and wisdom teacher, he almost certainly would not have been executed. Rather, he was killed because of his politics - because of his passion for God’s justice.”

— **Marcus J. Borg**, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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