

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 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 territories of the Lekwungen people.



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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Sermon: 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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Sub-Deacon: Matthew Cook

Sermon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Readers: Kevin Farris, Mary Alford

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

Audio: John Bergbusch

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Musicians: Small ensemble of members and alumni of the Choristers of St. John the Divine

The Mass Setting: Benjamin Britten *Missa Brevis in D*

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

INTROIT

An introit may be sung by the choir.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 526)

EIN' FESTE BURG

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

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, c
onfident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Book of Alternative Services

GLORIA *(sung by the choir)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sin of the world:
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Provident God,
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips,
help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
and so to knock that the door of mercy
may be opened for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 1:2-10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by choir)*

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You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune
of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us then, O God our Saviour; let your anger depart from us.

Will you be displeased with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger from age to age?

Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell
in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase

Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 2:6-19

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Before the Gospel



Cantor: When we cry, Abba, Father, it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.



All: 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.**

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

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

**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.**

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

The Apostles' Creed, Book of Alternative Services

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 (NEP 700)

CORVEDALE

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.

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.

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe.
In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation.
At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be.
In you, all created things shared life with one another.
In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured
by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets.
The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air
revealed your wonder and majesty.
When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered.
Still, you continued to bring light from night,
freedom from slavery, and life from death.
Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith
and with your beloved creation we sing:

SANCTUS (*sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus
Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands.
He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people.
He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain.
In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to his companions saying,
“Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

All: Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time,
we offer to you this bread and cup.

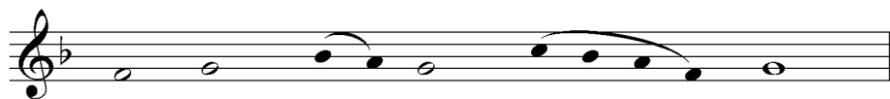
Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will,
north, east, south and west.

May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table
offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

May all who share your abundant gifts
be incorporated as one body and one holy people,
joined in the offering of Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection
for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion
with our holy forebears and those yet to be born,
that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth.

Glory and honour to you Triune God,
dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity,
now, and in all ages.



All: A men A - men A - men.

Eucharistic Prayer A, Liturgy of the Islands

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 *Sung by the choir*

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.

MOTET

Tota pulchra es, Maria
Et macula originalis non est in te.
Vestimentum tuum candidum quasi nix,
et facies tua sicut sol.
Tu gloria Ierusalem, tu Laetitia Israel,
tu honorificentia populi nostri..

*You are wholly beautiful, Maria
and there is no sin in you.
Your garments are white as snow
and your face is like the sun.
You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel,
and the honour of our people.*

Text: 4th-century prayer to the BVM.
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986).

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 364)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 4, 2019 – 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hosea 11:1-11 God is portrayed as the ever-patient father withholding anger and extending compassion as he attempts to raise the recalcitrant child, Israel.

Psalms 107:1-9, 43 This psalm of thanksgiving offers a moving portrait of the steadfast love of God.

Colossians 3:1-11 Morally responsible behaviour is the expectation of those who are united to Christ.

Luke 12:13-21 Jesus avoids making rules about how much wealth is too much and instead expresses concern about what coveting does to people, whether they have much or little.

FLOWERS

Main

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

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

11:30 am Coffee Hour followed by "Where do we go from here..." Hall

Monday 29

4:00 pm Living Presence Meditation Denson Lounge

Wednesday 31

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

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday, August 1

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

Friday 2

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

Sunday 4

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

EVENTS

Where do we go from here...

Wondering what comes after the results of the vote at General Synod 2019 to amend the Marriage Canon?

Let's join together in the hall for a facilitated community discussion **today after coffee**.

Join Our Place today at 919 Pandora Avenue as it closes down the block to celebrate over **50 years of service** to the community. Our Place began with the church-sponsored Upper Room, which then grew into the lively building on Pandora. Special family-friendly surprises include: Free BBQ burgers, Pop-Up Opera, roving jugglers, musical petting zoo, art market, caricature artists, chalk art, hula hoops, live music and so much more.

The program runs from 1-4 pm.

EfM Sessions in Victoria will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. John's House. The mentors are Sr. Dorothy Handrigan (Dorothy@ssjd.ca) and Ann Barry (annbarry@shaw.ca). Those interested should contact either of the mentors by July 31st. Registration deadline has been extended to August 30th.



Diviners' Walk – Friday, August 2nd – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Cedar Hill – Playfair Park**. Meet at Cedar Hill Golf Course parking lot (off Derby). **Pub:** Uptown Bistro, 400 Boleskine at Harriet, 778-265-7745. Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.

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.

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: patriacmanning@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 July is Threshold Housing.

Threshold Housing Society was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Anglican parishioners to address the transitional housing needs of youth aged between 16 and 21 years who are at risk of homelessness. The Society provides supportive programming in the several homes it owns, and a new initiative that helps youth who are renters in private rooms or suites. Threshold Housing Society was incorporated as a charitable society under the BC Societies Act in March 1990.

Last year we donated \$950 to the **Son'alt Fury soccer team** which was a part of our reconciliation journey with our Songhees and Esquimalt neighbours. This enabled the team of eleven and twelve year old players to participate in a major tournament on the Island.

It would be lovely if we could be of help again this year. It is a way to build strong connections with each other and help to keep the children active, healthy and strong.

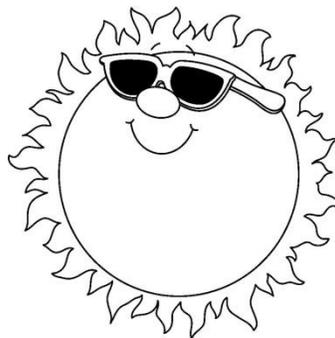
If you feel you can, make your non-tax deductible donation to St. John the Divine, labelled Son'alt Soccer Team.

With thanks, *Karyn Lehmann*

The Ghebremeskel Family: In our attempt to ensure that the family of 10 are settled successfully now the sponsorship has ended, Hagos, the father, is looking for new employment or extra part time employment that will ensure the family can afford the rent in particular. His English is good, he is eager to do and earn more, and he is resourceful. If anyone knows of full or part time employment opportunities please contact Bob St. Clair at bob.stclair@me.com

Housing Needed: A Mexican couple who are here in Victoria desperately need a place to stay while they wait to hear the outcome of their refugee application. They were horrifically treated at the US/Mexico border – they were kidnapped, extorted and tortured by a smuggler cartel. They do have work permits, and the wife has started working so they hope to have a little money. But they need a place to stay while they wait for a decision from the Immigration and Refugee Board. (There is a backlog of cases, so they may be waiting several months, but they'd also be grateful for short stays.) If you have a spare room, or know someone who is going away for a while and would like house sitters please could you contact Judy at Judyfilms@hotmail.com. (Submitted by Sara Chu)

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



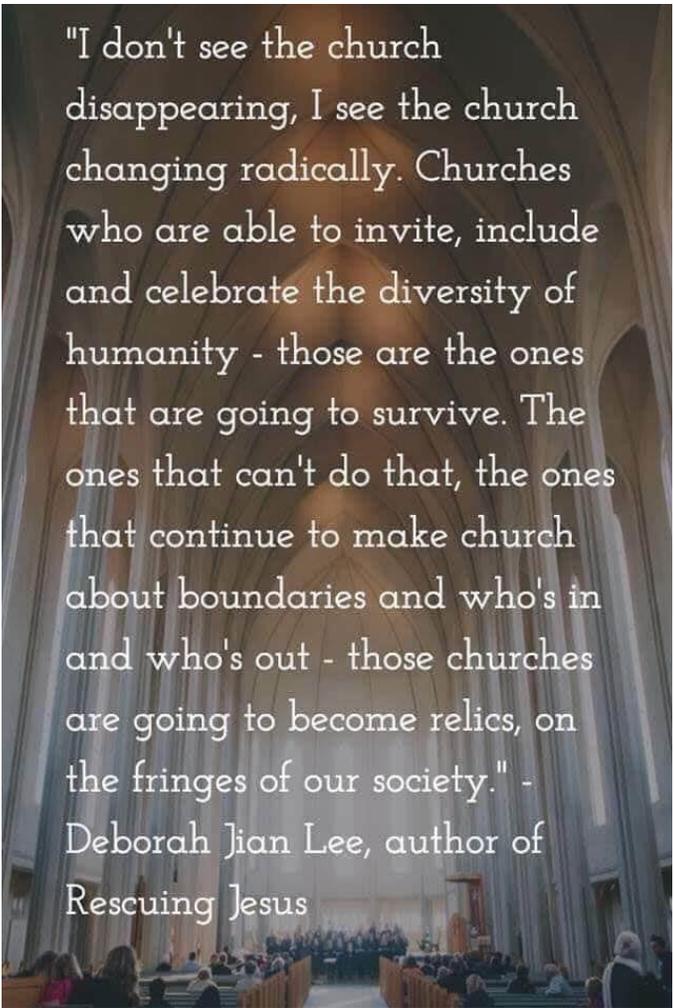
SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry



"I don't see the church disappearing, I see the church changing radically. Churches who are able to invite, include and celebrate the diversity of humanity - those are the ones that are going to survive. The ones that can't do that, the ones that continue to make church about boundaries and who's in and who's out - those churches are going to become relics, on the fringes of our society." - Deborah Jian Lee, author of *Rescuing Jesus*

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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