

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*April 19, 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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The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Italian painter Caravaggio depicts Thomas putting his finger in one of the risen Jesus' wounds. This was the newborn Christianity's first internal encounter with skepticism.

***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 the 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 Canon Andrew Gates

**Readers:** Christine Scott, Muriel Ryan

**Cantor:** David Stratkauskas

**Gospel:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Sermon:** The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

**Intercessor:** Peggy Wilmot

**Zoom Technician:** Karen Coverett

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## The Gathering of the Community

**Opening Hymn** (CP 228)

O Filii et Filiae

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

1. **O sons and daughters, let us sing!**  
**The King of heaven, the glorious King,**  
**o'er death today rose triumphing.**  
**Alleluia!**
2. **That night the apostles met in fear;**  
**amidst them came their Lord most dear,**  
**and said, "My peace be on all here.**  
**Alleluia!**
3. **When Thomas first the tidings heard,**  
**how they had seen the risen Lord,**  
**he doubted the disciples' word.**  
**Alleluia!**
4. **"My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;**  
**behold my hands, my feet," said he;**  
**"not faithless, but believing be."**  
**Alleluia!**
5. **No longer Thomas then denied;**  
**he saw the feet, the hands, the side;**  
**"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.**  
**Alleluia!**
6. **How blest are they who have not seen,**  
**and yet whose faith has constant been,**  
**for they eternal life shall win.**  
**Alleluia!**
7. **On this most holy day of days,**  
**to God your hearts and voices raise,**  
**in laud and jubilee and praise.**  
**Alleluia!**

Text: Latin; attrib. Jean Tisserand (15<sup>th</sup> cent.) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

Music: Melody – *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels*, Paris, 1623.

## Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

**All: May God fill our hearts with joy.**

## 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, wherever they may be, and however they are continuing their worship. Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept*

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

Acts: 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

*Following the sermon there will be a pause for silence.*

1. All shall be well!  
For on our Easter skies  
see Christ the sun  
of righteousness arise.
2. All shall be well!  
The sacrifice is made,  
the sinner freed,  
the price of pardon paid.
3. All shall be well!  
The cross and passion past,  
dark night is done,  
bright morning come as last.
4. All shall be well!  
Lift every voice on high;  
“Death has no more dominion,  
but shall die.”
5. Jesus alive!  
Rejoice and sing again;  
all shall be well  
for evermore, Amen!

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926- ) © 1984 Hope Publishing Co.  
Music: First strain of Song 46, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for prayer.*

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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

## 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.**

Almighty God, source of all mercies, we your servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## The Story of the Eucharist

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.

We give you thanks, loving God, that in the symbols of bread and wine you come to us – reminding us that nothing is sacred or profane but the Divine is found in the ordinary, heaven in the everyday.

As we remember the sharing of Christ's body and blood in Communion may we share a spiritual communion, knowing that we are united with all the saints, with Angels, Archangels and the whole company of heaven in your praise and in your service, now and forever. Amen.

## 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.**

## The Blessing

## Dismissal

## Final Hymn (CP 205)

ELLACOMBE

**1. The day of resurrection!**  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

**2. Our hearts be pure from evil,**  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light,  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own “All hail!” and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

**3. Now let the heavens be joyful;**  
let earth her song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus (696?-754?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).  
Music: Melody – *Gesangbuch*, Württemberg, 1784.

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

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