

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 14, 2018*

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.

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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.

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, at the station nearest to where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations: 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**

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*The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

# 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.*

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Deacon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Readers:** Tom Bailey, Virginia Miller

**Intercessor:** Kit Pearson

**Verger:** David Pupak

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

**The Mass Setting:** Missa O Magnum Mysterium – T. L. di Victoria (1548-1611)

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## **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**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (CP 5)

RATISBON

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship 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**

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.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

*The Presider may introduce the prayers.*

We pray together:

**All:** Where we have failed to recognise your love  
in the actions of friend or stranger  
forgive us.  
Where we have failed to recognize your presence  
in the world in which we live  
forgive us.  
Where we have failed to remember your gospel  
in our actions, thoughts and words  
forgive us.  
Renew our hearts in worship,  
our minds in wisdom  
and our hands in service.  
Amen.

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*The priest reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.*

## GLORIA

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Persevering God,  
**All:** by your sure voice  
you rouse us from our slumber  
and call us to discipleship and mission  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

139:1-5, 12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my  
rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.  
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
 For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
 I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.  
 My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.  
 Your eyes behold my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

Plainsong, Tone III.5

**THE EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** (CP 439)

FRANCONIA

**THE GOSPEL**

John 1:43-51

*Before the Gospel*

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia. All: Al - le - lu - ia.

*Deacon or choir: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations; and believed in throughout the world.*

All: Al - le - lu - ia.

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**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.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God, Creator  
who made all things?

**All: We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God, living Word,  
who embraces all creation?

**All: We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God, life-giving Spirit,  
who inspires the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in God.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Creator, Word, Spirit. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.*

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 385)

WAS LEBET

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of meercy and grace,

**All: the eyes of all wait upon you,  
and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table,  
so that we may come to the help of all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
 we give you thanks and praise  
 for your faithful love.  
 You call us into friendship  
 with you and one another  
 to be your holy people,  
 a sign of your presence in the world.  
 When those we trust betray us,  
 unfailingly you remain with us.  
 When we injure others,  
 you confront us in your love  
 and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
 You stand with the weak,  
 and those, broken and alone,  
 whom you have always welcomed home,  
 making the first last, and the last first.  
 Therefore we raise our voices  
 with angels and archangels,  
 forever praising you and singing:

**SANCTUS** (sung by the choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."  
Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.



Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever.



## 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 (SUNG BY THE CHOIR)**

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

*All are invited to receive communion at the side chapel, at the altar rail, or at the back of the church. 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 to a communion station 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**

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree – Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be,  
Compar'd with Christ the Appletree.

This beauty doth all things excel,  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see,  
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I miss'd of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil—  
Here I will sit and rest awhile,  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

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## THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, our life, our strength, our food,  
*All:* 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.  
Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### THE BLESSING

### DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
*All:* Thanks be to God.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 325)

ANGEL-VOICES

### VOLUNTARY Fantasia in C minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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.*

# Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

**The deadline for leaflet announcements is Tuesday noon of each week.  
All notices are to be given in writing, preferably by email.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

### Monday 15

2:00 pm	Book Study	Denson Lounge
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### Tuesday 16

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
2:00 pm	Refugee Support Group	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	Alliance Club Cooking	Hall Kitchen
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

### Wednesday 17

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
7:00 pm	Reel Thought – “A Man Called Ove” (2015) (116 mins.)	Denson Lounge

### Thursday 18

10:30 am	Social Justice and Outreach Group	Denson Lounge
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel

### Friday 19

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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### Saturday 20

1:00 pm	Funeral – Fran Ashwell	Church
	Reception to follow in the Bowman Centre – Wingate Studio (Church Hall)	

### Sunday 21

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:30 am	Divine Brunch	Hall
2:00 pm	PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

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## READINGS FOR JANUARY 21 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10** The Book of Jonah is a prophetic word in response to insular nationalism. God's mercy overrides God's justice.

**Psalms 62:6-14** That God's mercy was a fitting response to the Ninevites' repentance is affirmed.

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31** Christians are to live according to trust in God's faithfulness.

**Mark 1:14-20** Are we willing to be changed by following Jesus?

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### Flowers

*"In days when daisies deck the sod and blackbirds whittle clear wi' honest joy our heats will bound to greet the coming year."* - Robert Burns

Please consider a flower dedication for the main altar or chapel to greet our new year. The list of available spots for a dedication is at the garden gate door. Susan Powell

## THIS WEEK

**The Monday Book Study** will meet Mon., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to have a final discussion on Richard Rohr's book "The Naked Now". Starting Mon., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> we will begin discussing "The Great Spiritual Migration" by Brian D. McLaren. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Derek Dunwoody.

Come and revive your **Art & Soul** at the art and spirituality group held in the basement space at St. John the Divine every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm. Art experience is not necessary! We ask for a *voluntary* donation of \$4.00 per session to provide supplies for those in need. Any questions - please contact Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe.

"In the instability of today's world, all creation is groaning. The Holy Spirit is also groaning, yet this same Spirit is the support of our hope. So what can we do?" Please join us for one or all of our **Prayer and Music in the Style of Taizé** services on the third Friday of each month, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm at First Metropolitan United Church. Come at 5:30 if you would like to join the 'pop up' choir practice with Diego.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Divine Brunch is next Sun., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.** Tickets are available at coffee hour today in the Hall or from the front office. The cut-off date for tickets is Wed., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm.

### Menu:

Quiche Lorraine / Green Salad

Minestrone Soup / Deviled Ham on a Bun

Vegetarian / Vegan / Gluten Free dish available



## The Prisoner of Second Avenue

### **Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue invites you to a fun night of live theatre in support of the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Program.**

A comedy by Neil Simon, "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" starring Cam Culham and Christine Upright, on Wed., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at the Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, 1461 Blanshard Street. Proceeds in support of the Anglican Diocese of BC Refugee Program.

For tickets (\$25 cash or cheque only) either call 250-386-7781, email [synod@bc.anglican.ca](mailto:synod@bc.anglican.ca) and pickup from the Diocesan Office, or order

from Chris Eve who will deliver to you. Seating is limited to 80 so this will be an intimate theatre experience in a very special setting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A Prayer Group** prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: [patriciacmanning@gmail.com](mailto: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: [carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

### **Blue Envelopes 2018**

Each year the Parish Council chooses 12 outreach ministries so that envelope subscribers may direct their gifts to specific ministries. The money collected and distributed is not part of the budget. Each month the special outreach ministry is advertised. Each special outreach ministry is an opportunity to make a personal offering back to God. These offerings are collected in special blue envelopes.

**The January blue envelope is for refugee ministry.** Our parish has a joint refugee ministry with First Met. One sponsorship is in progress, with a few months left to run, supporting an Afghan teen reunited with his Mom in Victoria. He is settling into school here and enjoying the soccer. Our next family are due to arrive in August 2018 – a Syrian single Mom and her two teen children. Kathy Cook from First Met is leading on this: there is a team in place and planning work starts this month.

Our group has been asked by the Diocese to support an orthodox Christian family of 9 Eritreans who are expected to be arriving in late March or early April. We are developing a proposal for the 16 January Parish Council meeting. To meet this need we will need about half a dozen more parishioners to get involved and help with the settlement process from time to time over about the next six months. If you are new to this, the Diocese will provide a one-evening orientation and arrange for a Criminal Record Check. There is a detailed job list and sign-up at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/BFCJ3> If you have questions please contact Chris Eve.

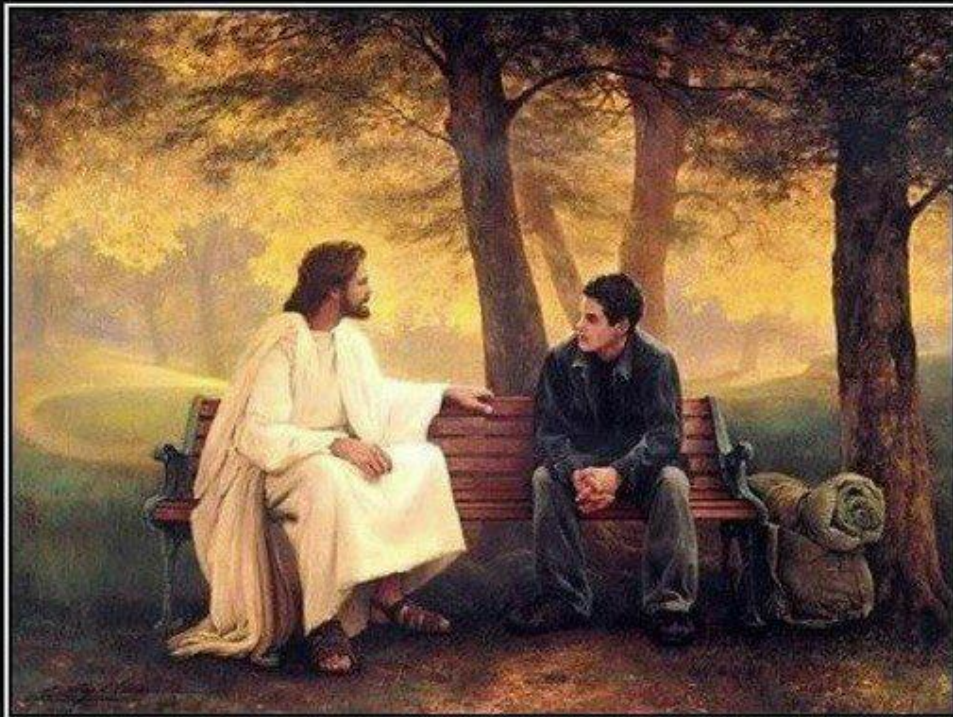
**Out of the Rain News:** A huge thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas sock project. We were able to fill 12 stockings with goodies, and to also buy 12 new winter hoodies for our homeless kids. Apparently Christmas morning was a happy one for all. We even had a small tree which they decorated themselves. It's so wonderful to belong to such a generous church family!

**Books!** - We're trying to develop a collection of Indigenous books for our library. You will find a few in a basket at the Garden Door which may be borrowed. If you can contribute any, they would be most welcome. Please leave them in the book return in the Denson Lounge or with Carol-Ann in the office.

**A chance to make a difference!** A nomination committee appointed by Parish Council is seeking parishioners who would like to stand at Vestry for a 2 year position as a parish councillor or a one-year position as an assistant warden (beginning in March 2018). If serving in this way interests you, or if you would like more details, please contact Graeme Brown, Tom Clements or Michael Zenger.

## SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



"No, I'm not talking about Twitter.  
I literally want you to follow me."

## Threshold

I emerge from the mind's  
cave into the worse darkness  
outside, where things pass and  
the Lord is in none of them.

I have heard the still, small voice  
and it was that of the bacteria  
demolishing my cosmos. I  
have lingered too long on

this threshold, but where can I go?  
To look back is to lose the soul  
I was leading upwards towards  
the light. To look forward? Ah,

what balance is needed at  
the edges of such an abyss.  
I am alone on the surface  
of a turning planet. What

to do but, like Michelangelo's  
Adam, put my hand  
out into unknown space,  
hoping for the reciprocating touch?

*R. S. Thomas*

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“For those who feel their lives are a grave disappointment to God, it requires enormous trust and reckless, raging confidence to accept that the love of Jesus Christ knows no shadow of alteration or change. When Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened,” He assumed we would grow weary, discouraged, and disheartened along the way. These words are a touching testimony to the genuine humanness of Jesus. He had no romantic notion of the cost of discipleship. He knew that following Him was as unsentimental as duty, as demanding as love.”

— Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out*



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# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

## STEWARDS

**People's Warden:** Graeme Brown

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**Deputy People's Warden:** Joan Huzar

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Sherrie Allen, Rhoda Brodie-Smith, Tom Clements, Trevor Elton, Carol Anne Harper, Doug Sheepwash, Catherine Small, Michael Zenger, Molly Patton (Clerk)

## STAFF SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF ST. JOHN'S

**Rector:** The Ven. Alastair McCollum

**Director of Music:** David Stratkauskas

**Associate Priest:** The Rev'd Canon Kevin Arndt

**Family Ministry Coordinator:** Ruth MacIntosh

**Associate Priest:** The Rev'd Bill Tarter, OSF

**Interim Parish Administrator:** Carol-Ann Zenger

**Curate:** The Rev'd Gillian Hoyer

**Bookkeeper:** Nicolas Michel

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