

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 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.



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

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

Presider: The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

Readers: Muriel Ryan, Mary Alford

Intercessor: Pat Ormerod

Verger: Douwe Bosma

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

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

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

Cantate Domino – Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657-1743)

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle:
let his praise be in the church of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

Text: From Psalm 149.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 560)

MOSCOW

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

Loving God, Maker of all

All: have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

All: have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: have mercy on us.

Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings.

(Silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

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GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ,

**All: with those you called by the lakeside,
may we follow you,
proclaiming the reign of God,
and sharing your mission to bring good news to all;
for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

62:6-14

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honour; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him,
for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot
be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase,
set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 432)

ST. OSWALD

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

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 Mark.

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

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

**All: Hear, O Israel;
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 353)

REPTON

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy 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.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BAS #4

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.

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: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creations.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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 (Holy, holy, holy)

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____

Heav - en and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -
 Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

Glory to you for ever and ever.



All: A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men. —

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on - us. Je - sus, re deem - er, re
deem - er of the world, Give us your peace, give us your 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

Christ is the Morning Star – Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Christ is the morning star, who when the night of this world is past brings to his saints the promise of the light of life and opens everlasting day.

Text: Prayer above the tomb of St. Bede in Durham Cathedral.

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 383)

DUKE STREET

VOLUNTARY

Carillon – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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 JANUARY 28 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Moses assures the people that God will raise up new prophets who will speak with God's authority just as Moses has.

Psalms 111 Thanksgiving and praise are offered to God.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Christians are responsible not only for doing right according to their own understanding, but also for building community.

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus claims the authority that God gives to teach and to heal.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

The flowers are given today in joyful thankfulness for the caring life of Fran Heath Ashwell, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, auntie and friend, from Bill Ashwell.

Chapel

In memory of Fran Ashwell, in appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the Chancel Guild.

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

11:30 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

Monday 22

1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Church
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

Tuesday 23

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

Wednesday 24

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 25

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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Friday 26

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
1:30 pm	Investment Committee Meeting	Denson Lounge

Sunday 21

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

THIS WEEK

The Monday Book Study will meet Mon., Jan. 15th at 2:00 pm to have a final discussion on Richard Rohr's book "The Naked Now". Starting Mon., Jan. 22nd 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to all who bought tickets to Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue's 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. The Wed., Jan. 24th show (7:30 pm) is sold out, but if you still would like to go there are two options:

- you could call the Diocese 250-386-7781 and see whether there have been any returns (\$25/single, \$50 for two); or
- see Chris Eve for tickets to the **Thurs., Jan. 25th performance in support of the Two Saints Ministry sponsorship of four Eritreans** (tickets \$25/single, \$40 for two).

Two Saints is hoping to sponsor Mom, Dad and their twin toddlers here in time for the children to start school in Canada.



Come One, Come All to Mardi Gras aka Pancake Tuesday – Feb. 13th, at 6:00 p.m. in St. John's Church Hall. Fun for the whole Family! **By donation at the dinner.** (Suggested donation: \$5/person or \$20/family.) Please **do pick up a ticket** from Carol-Ann so we make sure to flip enough pancakes. Prizes for the best Mardi Gras hats, masks or costumes! Entertainment! And, of course, pancakes!

Gluten free pancakes will be available (please let us know if this is your preference) along with Alastair's famous English pancakes (crepes).

Lent is nearly upon us and as we begin thinking about what we can do in the weeks following Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th, yes it's Valentine's Day!) I would like to encourage us all to consider taking up a devotional book for the days of Lent.

Queering Lent is a collection of 41 poems, one for each day of Lent and one for Easter, that explore queerness and Christianity and the queerness of Christianity. Written as a Lenten discipline by slats, a queer/trans/nonbinary Presbyterian who works as a theatre director, sound designer, and pastor, this collection is one of the resources St. John's is offering for our Lenten reading discipline this year. Books are available to order through the office or directly via [Amazon.ca/local](https://www.amazon.ca/local) bookstore.

*This collection contains references to transphobia, violence against trans people, mental illness and suicide.

Also we hope to have a book study based on the book I referenced in a recent sermon; it is called **Radical Reconciliation** and is by Allan Boesak and Curtiss DeYoung – this book will form the basis of our Wednesday **Lunch With a Point** meetings which will begin on Wed.. Feb. 21st at noon in the Denson Lounge, but is a book which I recommend reading over this time. I will be producing study notes for this book which we will be using on Wednesdays but they will also be available on request. This book is also available through the office/online/local bookstores – please have orders in to the office by Feb. 9th.

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: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

Anne Hay and the family would like to thank the staff and so many members of the congregation, who attended the memorial service, sent cards and just generally showed kindness, caring and support at the time of Ian's illness and death. It has been a great blessing to me. Anne.

Flowers

"In days when daisies deck the sod and blackbirds whistle clear wi' honest joy our hearts 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 FUND-RAISER NEEDS YOUR HELP! DON'T WAIT - ACT NOW!

Have you a quality item – big or small – that other people might like to buy?

Phone or **email** your offer to **250-595-2842** or **roundhill@shaw.ca**

Your item will be advertised for you. All proceeds to St. John's Church.

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.

Special offering for outreach ministry - 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.

JANUARY	Refugees
FEBRUARY	Food Bank at St. John's & Alliance Club
MARCH	PWRDF
APRIL	Sisterhood of St. John the Divine
MAY	Victoria/Taiama Partnership
JUNE	PEERS
JULY	Threshold Housing
AUGUST	Refugees
SEPTEMBER	Food Bank at St. John's
OCTOBER	Out of the Rain
NOVEMBER	RILL/Aboriginal Neighbours
DECEMBER	Rector's Discretionary Fund

The January blue envelope is for refugee ministry. Parish Council has approved the sponsorship of an orthodox Christian family of 9 Eritreans who are expected to be arriving in late March or early April. Thank you to those who volunteered to get involved and help with the settlement process from time to time over about the next six months. We could still use a few more volunteers if you have time in the next six months. If you are new to this the Diocese will provide an orientation and a link for a Criminal Record Check. There is a detailed job list and sign-up at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/BFC>

Our parish has a joint refugee ministry with First Met, where Kathy Cook is leading the organisation of our sponsorship of a Syrian single Mom and her two teen children. This sponsorship sprang a budgetary leak this week: When the family arrives the daughter is unlikely to be eligible for the Canada Child Benefit so the proceeds of this blue envelope will be helping to provide additional support for the Syrian family.

If you have questions please contact Chris Eve.

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



The following of Jesus is not a “salvation scheme” or a means of creating social order (which appears to be what most folks want religion for), as much as it is *a vocation to share the fate of God for the life of the world*. Some people are overly invested in religious ceremonies, rituals, and rules that are all about who’s in and who’s out. Jesus did not come to create a spiritual elite or an exclusionary system. He invited people to “follow” him by personally bearing the mystery of human death and resurrection. Of itself, this task does not feel “religious,” which is why it demands such faith to trust it.

Those who agree *to carry and love what God loves*, both the good and the bad of human history, and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves—these are the followers of Jesus. They are the leaven, the salt, the remnant, the mustard seed that God can use to transform the world. The cross is the dramatic image of what it takes to be such a *usable* one for God.

Richard Rohr

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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