

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 4, 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 Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

# 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 Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

**Readers:** John McLaren, Chris Eve

**Intercessor:** Kevin Farris

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Music:** The Community Choir

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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 393)

ST. DENIO

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.**

## **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.**

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.**

## 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

Everlasting God,

**All: you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.**

**Make us agents of our healing and wholeness,**

**so that your good news may be made known**

**to the ends of your creation,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**



Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, how joyful to honour him with praise. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds. **Refrain**

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his wisdom is beyond all telling. **Refrain**

The Lord lifts up the poor but casts down the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the lyre; **Refrain**

Who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth; Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve our needs. He gives the beasts their food and the young ravens when they cry. **Refrain**

He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse, no delight in human strength; But the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their trust in his steadfast love. Alleluia. **Refrain**

**THE EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** (CP 292)

YE BANKS AND BRAES

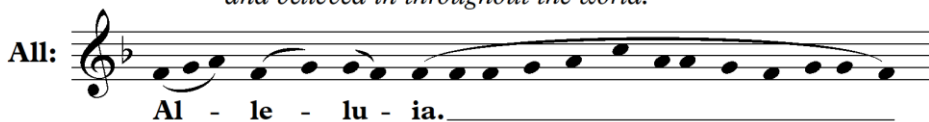
**THE GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39

*Before the Gospel*



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



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.*

## **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**

BISHOPTHORPE

### **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 Lutherine Worship (2006) alt.*

*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** (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, 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.



**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**

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) Lead me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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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 306)**

RICHMOND

### **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.*

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# 7:30 pm Choral Evensong – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

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

**Officiant:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

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

**Setting of the Canticles:** Thomas Tallis (1505-1585), Dorian Service

**Lectionary:** Church of England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

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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 30)

AR HYD Y NOS

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

Psalm 65:1-8

## **FIRST LESSON** *(Please sit)*

Genesis 2:4b-end

## **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)*

Luke 8.22-35

**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 almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ you son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. 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)*

Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee  
Gave thee life and bid thee feed.  
By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice!  
Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek and he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child and thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.

Text: William Blake (1757-1827). Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

### **PRAYERS** *(Please kneel or sit)*

### **BLESSING** *(Please stand)*

**VOLUNTARY**

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**READINGS FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14** As part of an 'Apocalyptic vision' - the prophet talks of seeing the fullness of humanity being revealed in a fully 'human one' who will show all people the way in which God judges - not as a distant, negative, figure, but as one who is intimately involved in human life and society.

**Psalms 99** One of the "enthronement psalms" that would have been used at festivals to declare God as king, this psalm is a hymn in praise of God's holy and righteous rule.

**2 Peter 1:16-19** The writer reminds us that the life of faith is not bound up in clever argument - but in God's relationship with human beings, as shown especially in the life of Jesus Christ who is the revelation of God's love for all people.

**Luke 9:28-36** On a mountaintop, Jesus' appearance is transfigured and God's voice identifies him as the Son of God.

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**FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**Main**

in loving memory of my husband Peter, who died 1 year ago today. Remembered with so much love by our family, from Sylvia Balogh.

## 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
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

#### Monday 5

2:00 pm	Funeral: Peggy Bush	Church
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

#### Tuesday 6

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

#### Wednesday 7

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 8

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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#### Friday 9

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

7:30 pm	Concert: Emily Carr String Quartet	Church
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#### Sunday 11

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

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### THIS WEEK

**Sunday Reflections** - On weeks without other events we offer the opportunity to ask 'what just happened?' at our Sunday service - an open forum to discuss the sermon, liturgy, music, and indeed anything that might have cropped up during our worship services, or about Anglican practice and tradition generally. This takes place at **11:45am, following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

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.

### **Social Justice and Action Group**

As we reflect at St. John's on reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers and ways of moving forward on that journey, we note that there are several important films on indigenous issues and themes that will be screened during the Victoria Film Festival, February 2-11. "Our People Will be Healed" at the Vic Cinema, Feb. 3 at 9:00 pm and "Kayak to Klemtu" at Silver City 3, Feb. 4 at 3:30 pm and Feb. 6 at 9:00 pm; "Indian Horse" (from Richard Wagamese's novel) is screening at Silver City 3, Feb. 11 at 6:30 pm. Details on these films and others of interest can be found in the VFF program.

### **Ted Hughes talks!**

You are invited to a conversation with BC's most distinguished public-sector jurist on Child Protection, Conflicted Premiers, the Suppression of Protests, and the Public Interest.

**Wednesday, Feb. 7, 5:00 – 6:30 pm**, Fraser Building, Room 159, University of Victoria  
Interviewed by CBC journalist Laura Lynch. Special guests David Eby, QC, Attorney-General of BC; Maureen Maloney, SFU, former Deputy Attorney-General of BC and Dean of Law at UVic.

Parishioner Ted Hughes has had a long career defending the vulnerable and fighting corruption. Hughes was appointed BC's Deputy Attorney General in 1983 and BC's first Conflict-of-Interest Commissioner in 1990. He conducted investigations that led to the resignation of former Premier Bill Vander Zalm, the establishment of The Office of the Representative for Children and Youth, and a reconsideration of how police should handle major protests. He was one of the first government officials to seek justice for residential school survivors. He has recently "partially" retired at the age of 90.

This event is free and open to everyone.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Vestry Annual Reports** are to be submitted **no later than Mon., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: [carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)



**Come One, Come All to Mardi Gras aka Pancake Tuesday – Tues., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 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).



**Ash Wednesday** is fast approaching (February 14<sup>th</sup>) and we will be offering three services of Holy Communion during the day which will each have the opportunity to receive the ‘imposition of ashes’ in the shape of a cross on our foreheads as part of the service. It is traditional to use ashes which are made by burning the **palm crosses** from the previous Lent at these services, and as such I would like to ask any of you who have kept your crosses from Palm Sunday last year to bring them back to St John’s **on or before Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** in order that they might be burned and ground up ready to use for our Ash Wednesday observance – there will be a **basket in the Church** for palm crosses on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> or they can be **dropped into the office** during office hours (9am-12noon) in this coming week. Thank you.

### **WHY? day part three!!!**

At our last gathering we continued to discuss why we do what we do at St. John’s and who we are as a community. There was some desire to continue these discussions before we start our strategic planning, therefore **ALL** are invited to a chance to be a part of this process on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> between 9:30am and Noon in the Church.**

We will be considering our identity as a Church, our calling to serve, worship, pray, learn, and grow together and what the next steps might be in our Visioning process – particularly as we move towards our Annual Vestry Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Refreshments will be provided.

### **Divine Brunch - Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets now on sale at coffee hour or through the front office during the week.

\$8.00 per ticket

#### **Menu:**

Salmon Quiche / Green Salad,  
Chicken Salad Croissant/ Green Salad  
Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten Free Dish

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## 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



## Blanket Blitz

The organizers of the Stolen Sisters March, Sat., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, are seeking clean used blankets to keep marchers warm when they rally at the Legislature. The march is sponsored by Our Place and of course anyone is welcome to join. It leaves the Pandora St. building at 11 am.

Meanwhile please bring clean used blankets, preferably washed in non-scented soap, to the office or to the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> service and Anne Moon will see they get to Our Place. Enquiries:

[annemoon@shaw.ca](mailto:annemoon@shaw.ca).



THIS FUND-RAISER NEEDS YOUR HELP! DON'T WAIT - ACT NOW!

**The Divine Buy-and-Sell's first Sale List is here today** – watch for it on a one-page flyer with your service bulletin – further copies at the exit doors - take home and share with friends and family. All proceeds to St. John's Church.

Do **YOU** have an item you would like to include for sale,  
with proceeds going to St. John's Church?

If so, contact Beryl Roundhill at [roundhill@shaw.ca](mailto:roundhill@shaw.ca).

## **The February blue envelope is for the Food Bank at St. John's & Alliance Club**

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

The Alliance Club is a drop-in centre for youth on the street. Volunteers from St. John's and the larger community purchase supplies and cook several large casseroles monthly for the Alliance Club.

### **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**

Loblaws recent admission of an illegal price-fixing scheme that took place between 2002 and 2015 (on its bread products) may just help to underwrite the Food Bank at St. John's. The Canadian grocery giant, after admitting to their wrongdoing, decided to give out \$25 gift cards as a goodwill gesture to its affected customers. These cards enable people to purchase items sold in Loblaw grocery stores across Canada (including the SuperStore in Langford). Food Banks-Canada is encouraging those Canadians who believe that they were affected to apply for the gift cards, then turn them over to their local food bank (in this case -- St. John's). We will use the cards to make bulk purchases of food items and then stock our shelves to benefit our many food bank clients. For further information, and to register for and obtain the \$25 card, please go on-line to:

<https://www.loblawcard.ca/en/register>

When the gift card arrives, kindly drop it off at the Church office marked: "FOR THE FOOD BANK AT ST. JOHN'S." Thank you for your kind cooperation.

The city of Victoria will be banning the use of plastic bags as of July 1. The **Food Bank would appreciate** as many clean, sturdy grocery bags as can be collected in the meantime to extend our use of the free bags.

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**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.

#### **NOTICE OF 2018 VESTRY MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held, **the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, at 12:30 pm, in the Parish Hall**, for the purpose of receiving the 2017 Reports of the Officers and Organizations and approving the 2018 Budget. Bring a brown bag lunch.

#### **ST. JOHN'S COURT SOCIETY**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Society to take place beginning at **12:30 pm, Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, in St. John's Parish Hall**. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

# SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

## The Serenity Prayer

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,  
the courage to change the things we can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.

*Attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr (altd.)*

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## Still Heart

When I give up the helm  
I know that the time has come for thee to take it.  
What there is to do will be instantly done.  
Vain is this struggle.

Then take away your hands  
and silently put up with your defeat, my heart,  
and think it your good fortune to sit perfectly still  
where you are placed.

These my lamps are blown out at every little puff of wind,  
and trying to light them I forget all else again and again.

But I shall be wise this time and wait in the dark,  
spreading my mat on the floor;  
and whenever it is thy pleasure, my lord,  
come silently and take thy seat here.

*Rabindranath Tagore*

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“Spirituality is recognizing and celebrating that we are all inextricably connected to each other by a power greater than all of us, and that our connection to that power and to one another is grounded in love and compassion. Practicing spirituality brings a sense of perspective, meaning and purpose to our lives.”

*Brené Brown*

Lent is nearly upon us and as we begin thinking about what we can do in the weeks following Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 Alastair 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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## **FOCUS - What Does God Require? Spirituality and Genre in the Bible**

*Time:* Four Thursdays, 7pm-9pm, beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Church of St. John the Divine, Quadra Street

*Thursday, February 22,* "Apocalyptic Spirituality." The apocalyptic is a specific genre of Biblical literature first found in post-exilic Jewish writings, further developed in second temple Judaism and the early church, and echoed in millenarian movements throughout the history of the church. It focuses on visions, the end times, and heavenly messengers. We will look at the spirituality embedded in this genre and the role this spirituality plays in the formation of Christian individuals and institutions. Instructor: The Rev. Canon Bruce Bryant-Scott.

*Thursday, March 1,* "Liturgy and Faith." All the major religious traditions generate liturgical frameworks in which believers come together to re-enact the movements of faith. Because it engages the body as well as the mind, the public expression of religion as it flows through the cycles of the calendar and the sacraments of faith has not always been viewed as a distinct spirituality. For many millions of believers, however, liturgical practice, by opening up a spiritual space, has become a road to divine encounter. Both inside the Bible (the Levitical prescriptions of temple worship, for example, and the church liturgies in the pastoral epistles) and outside it (the many manuals of church order and worship in historical Christianity), a large body of literature witnesses to the significance of this spirituality. Instructor: Archdeacon Alastair McCollum.

*Thursday, March 8,* "Wisdom Literature and the Mystical Journey." The wisdom books of the Hebrew Scriptures, Job, Proverbs, certain Psalms, and Ecclesiastes/Quohelet (for Jews and Protestant Christians) and Sirach and the Wisdom of Solomon (for Roman Catholics), are only part of a larger tradition of wisdom spirituality that has influenced Judaism and Christianity. Wisdom spirituality calls attention to the wider human picture in which faith occurs. Known as the "documents of Hebrew humanism," wisdom literature uses pithy sayings, insightful analogies and stories, wide-ranging philosophical reflections, and mystical insights to lead its adherents on a journey toward the divine. We will consider in this session how this spirituality manifests itself in both nascent Christianity and classical Judaism. Instructor: Dr. Kem Luther.

*Thursday, March 15,* "Prophetic and Social Spirituality." In the multi-millennial history of Judaism and Christianity, believers have discovered, time and again, that a focus on just action and just living can become a framework for divine encounter. In the decalogue and continuing into the prophetic tradition, we recognize an emphasis on social and spiritual transformation that shapes the journey of those who commit themselves to it. The major and minor prophets of the Hebrew scriptures, books that are a major focus within the gospels and certain New Testament letters (notably are attributed to James) add a literary dimension to prophetic spirituality. Instructor: The Rev. Canon Philip Wadham.

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# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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