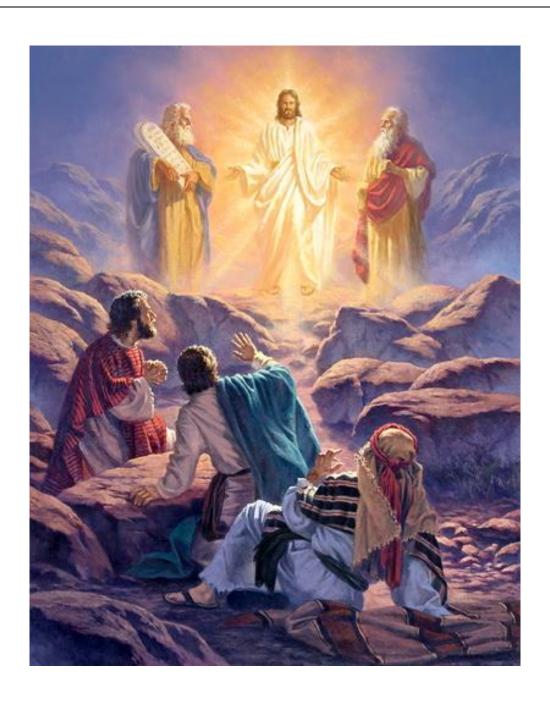
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 11, 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

Gospel Reader: Joan Huzar

Sermon: The Reverend Gillian Hoyer **Readers:** Judith Reid, Scott Sudbeck

Intercessor: Karen Coverett **Verger:** Richard Routledge

Audio: Bob McIntosh

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

The Mass Setting: Communion Service in F - Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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 Locus ISTE

Locus iste a Deo factus est, This place was made by God,

inaestimabile sacramentum, a priceless sacrament; irreprehensibilis est it is without reproach.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 162) SALZBURG

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

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

Most merciful God,

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

We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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

Amen.

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

All: Amen.

GLORIA (sung by the choir)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the

sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of glory,

All: by the grace of your Spirit,
reveal your Son to us now
in the message of the prophets
and in the witness of the apostles,
so that we may heed his voice
and receive him in faith.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (metrical) 50:1-6 CARLISLE

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 166)

O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

Before the Gospel



Choir: This is my Son the Beloved: with whom I am well pleased.



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

The Apostles' Creed

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

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 (CP 374)

HYFRYDOL

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

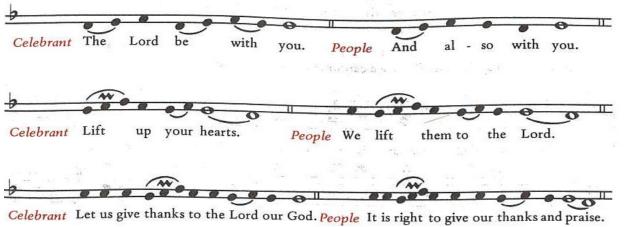
Holy God,

All: receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BAS #3



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (sung by the choir)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

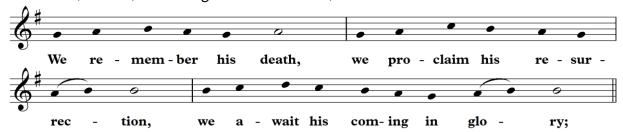
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI (sung by the choir)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy 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

O NATA LUX

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants. O you who once deigned to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

Text: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585).

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

All: we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

We ask this in his name.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 335)

COE FEN

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 18 – 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 9:8-17 God covenants with Noah, his offspring and all creation that never again will God bring floodwaters of chaos to destroy all life, and the rainbow is to remind God of his covenant.

Psalm 25:1-9 Aware of personal failings, the psalmist is also aware of God's enduring faithfulness.

1 Peter 3:18-22 Just as those who came through the floodwaters found life, so those who come through the waters of baptism are joined with Christ in the new life of resurrection.

Mark 1:9-15 Immediately following his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness dealing with temptations before beginning his public ministry.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

In loving memory of my Dad, Glyndwr Powell, who always had a twinkle in his eyes, from Susan & Larry.

Chapel

In loving memory of my parents, Jim and Hilda Dutton, celebrating the 100th anniversary of my mother's birth, from Dorothy Chuhran.



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

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Today		
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt
Monday 12		
	The Office is Closed for Family Day	
2:00 pm	Book Study	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt
Shrove Tuesday 13		
10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
2:00 pm	ACW Meeting	Denson Lounge
6:00 pm	Pancake Supper	Hall
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt
Ash Wednesday 14	ļ	
7:45 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes / B'fast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
10:00 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	Church
1:30 pm	Art & Soul Group	Crypt
7:30 pm	Parish Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	Church
Thursday 15		
10:30 am	Social Justice and Action Group	Denson Lounge
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
Friday 16		
10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
Saturday 17		
9:30 am-12 Noon	"Why Day"	Church
Sunday 18		
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

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to Naomi Abbott who celebrates her 85th birthday on Tues., Feb. 13th. Please join Naomi and Tony in the hall today for tea, coffee and cookies.

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.

Vestry Annual Reports are to be submitted **no later than Mon., Feb. 12th**. Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca



Come One, Come All to Mardi Gras aka Pancake Tuesday – Tues., Feb. 13th, at 6:00 pm 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).

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 – the 3rd Friday of each month. We meet next on Feb. 16th from 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.

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**th **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 25th.

Refreshments will be provided.

During the week of Feb. 18 the chapel services (Wed. morning and Thursday noon) will be held in the chancel due to the painting of the chapel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Divine Brunch – next Sunday, February 18th
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

Deadline for tickets is Wed., Feb. 14th at 4:00 pm.



Please consider dedicating a lily for Easter Sunday. Your dedication can be sent to Carol-Ann and a cheque dropped at the office or in the collection plate.

The deadline for orders is March 8th. The price of the lilies remains at \$12, as in previous years. Thank you.

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.

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

The 2018 St. John's Court Board

Several current members of the Board have indicated their willingness to continue for 2018 but Margaret Walker and Bob McIntosh are retiring from the Court Board. We need new members specifically with legal, business and financial skills. We also need someone willing to assist Sue Fraser as Tenant Liaison, a vital role in the smooth operation of the Court. For information, please contact Bill Huzar.

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 1st. 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.

NOTICE OF 2018 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held **the 25th day of February, 2018, at 12 Noon, 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 Noon, Sunday, February 25**th, **2018, in St. John's Parish Hall**. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

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 bookstore.

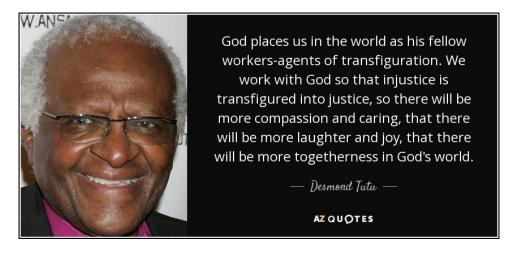
*This collection contains references to transphobia, violence against trans people, mental illness and suicide.

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. 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 online or from local bookstores.



SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



Transfiguration

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

Malcolm Guite



Painting by Fr. John Giuliani

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

People's Warden: Graeme BrownRector's Warden: Duane LeckyDeputy People's Warden: Joan HuzarDeputy Rector's Warden: Penny Holt

Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick **Treasurer**: Kate McCabe

PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Associate Priest: The Rev'd Bill Tarter, OSF

Director of Music: David Stratkauskas

Family Ministry Coordinator: Ruth MacIntosh
Interim Parish Administrator: Carol-Ann Zenger

Bookkeeper: Nicolas Michel

Curate: The Rev'd Gillian Hoyer **Deacon**: The Rev'd Patrick Siblev

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