

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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 at page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Jane Reid

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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 Patrick Sibley

Readers: Muriel Ryan, Al Lehmann

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Audio: Patrick Ryan

Verger: Douwe Bosma

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 67)

AUS DER TIEFE

Christ the great reconciler calls us to be reconciled
to God, one another, and within ourselves.
Let us open ourselves to God's calling to healing and wholeness
and acknowledge our brokenness and longing.

Silence

KYRIE ELEISON



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Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son. Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son.

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ABSOLUTION

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.

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches sinners in his way.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:18-22

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (NEH 357)

SUSSEX

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

Before the Gospel

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 the Church 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 (CP 628)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.

Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Liturgy for the Island and Inlets

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.

Holy and eternal One,
in whom we live and move and have our being.
You are our origin and our fulfilment;
we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal.

From the ocean of your primal love,
you fashioned the marvel of creation
and beauty of human life.

From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines,
you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation,
calling us to care for everything given and received.

All: Glory to you, source of all life.

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets
learned their dependence on your provision,
salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar,
hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

All: Glory to you, source of all life.

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world
to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself,
and make all things new in him.

Now, gathered from many places,
and joining with the saints of every time and place,
we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might.
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, most holy One:
 For on the night before he died
 Jesus took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said:
 "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you,
 do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup,
 gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
 "Drink this, all of you.
 This is my blood of the new covenant
 which is given for you,
 do this in remembrance of me."

All: "Behold, I am with you to the end of the age."

Therefore, God of all creation,
 we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation.
 Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us,
 that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread,
 and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

All: Glory to you, source of all life.

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ,
 and bring us to that heavenly table,
 where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.
 Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you,
 Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

He whose cross is a sign of hope for many
is now present in this bread.

He whose death brings healing to our world
is now present in this wine.

All: Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI



1, 2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.



3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

All are invited to receive communion 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

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum,
dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness.
According to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine
offences.*

Text: Words Psalm 51 v. 1

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
**All: you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 170)

ERHALT UNS, HERR

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY Giacona in F minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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

Divine Brunch, coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 25 – 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Abraham is asked to believe in a promise of God that strains his imagination, and he and Sarah are given new names signifying their new relationship with God.

Psalms 22:22-30 A psalm beginning in lament ends in thanksgiving.

Romans 4:13-25 Paul's concern is to show how God works through the faith of people to accomplish God's purposes. At issue is our faith and God's faith in us.

Mark 8:31-38 Peter's difficulty is not unlike our own: it is hard to reconcile suffering with power given by God. We want God to take our suffering away.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

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 19

12:30-2:00 pm	Quiet Contemplation	Church
2:00 pm	Book Study	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

Tuesday 20

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

Wednesday 21

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Church/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Lunch with a Point	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art & Soul Group	Crypt
7:00 pm	Reel Thought – “Amazing Grace”	Denson Lounge

Thursday 22

10:30 am	Social Justice and Action Group	Denson Lounge
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Church
7:00 pm	FOCUS: What Does God Require? “Apocalyptic Spirituality” – led by The Rev. Canon Bruce Bryant-Scott	Denson Lounge

Sunday 25

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

THIS WEEK

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

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.



Movie Club – Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

February 21 *Amazing Grace* (2006) (118 mins.)

"The idealist William Wilberforce manoeuvres his way through Parliament, endeavouring to end the British transatlantic slave trade." <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0454776/>

February 28 *The Help* (2011) (146 mins.)

"To close this year's Black History Month: An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960s decides to write a book detailing the African American maids' point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis."

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1454029/>

March 7 *Calendar Girls* (2003) (108 mins.)

"Based on a true story, eleven middle-aged Englishwomen pose nude for their annual Women's Institute calendar as a fund-raiser for the local hospital." <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0337909/>

March 14 *Silence* (2016) (161 mins.)

"The story of two Catholic missionaries (Andrew Garfield and Adam Driver) who face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor (Liam Neeson) at a time when Catholicism was outlawed and their presence forbidden. A remarkable study of the question: What is justified in the name of faith?" <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0490215/>

March 21 *Corpus Christi: Playing with Redemption* (2012) (78 mins.)

"The Religious Right meets 'gay Jesus' in this character-driven feature documentary that follows a touring company's revival of Terrence McNally's play. What started as a 6-night performance run turned into an 8-year global movement. And the lives of everyone involved would be forever changed." <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1697891/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTICE OF 2018 VESTRY MEETING

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



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 - Loblaw's 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.



SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“Mma Ramotswe sighed. 'We are all tempted, Mma. We are all tempted when it comes to cake.'

That is true,' said Mma Potokwane sadly. 'There are many temptations in this life, but cake is probably one of the biggest of them.’”

Alexander McCall Smith, *In the Company of Cheerful Ladies*

the necessity
to protect you
overcame me
my beloved
i love you too much
to remain quiet
while you weep
i rise to kiss the poison out of you
wipe your bruises with my palm
i resist the temptation of my
tired feet and keep marching
with tomorrow in one hand
and a fist in the other
i will carry you to freedom

valentine's day ode to the world - rupi kaur

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

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PARISH COUNCIL

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