

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

Gospel: Penny Holt

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Readers: Beryl Roundhill, Joel Durkovic

Intercessor: Kit Pearson

Audio: Al Lehmann

Verger: David Pupak

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

Mass setting: *Missa aeterna Christi munera*,
G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 7)

MELCOMBE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

The Kyrie Eleison is sung by the choir:

Κύριε ελέησον.	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord, have mercy.
Χριστε ελέησον.	<i>Christe eleison.</i>	Christ, have mercy.
Κύριε ελέησον.	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord, have mercy.

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

Silence is kept

God of Sarah and Abraham,
long ago you embraced your people in covenant
and promised them your blessing.
Strengthen us in faith,
so that, with your followers in every age,
we may proclaim our deliverance in Jesus Christ
to generations yet unborn.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

22:22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-25

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (NEH 76)

BRESLAU

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

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 (NEH CP 347 /NEH 148)

LEONI

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our provider,

**All: 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.**

Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

EUCHARISTIC 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:

SANCTUS (*sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

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: A men A - men A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

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.

BENEDICTUS & AGNUS DEI *(sung by the choir)*

Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us.</i>

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,</i>
dona nobis pacem.	<i>grant us peace.</i>

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.

MOTET

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Text: Psalm 42 v. 1.

Music: G. L. di Palestrina (1552-1594).

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.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP537)

CROSS OF JESUS

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Concerto in A minor (i)

Vivaldi, trans. J.S. Bach

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

Vestry Soup, coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR MARCH 4 – 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments create a basis for healthy, non-exploitative relationships.

Psalms 19 Searching creation and meditating on God's law are ways of seeking God's wisdom.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Paul teaches that God upset conventional values by revealing in Jesus God's power and wisdom.

John 2:13-22 The story of Jesus in the Temple, found in all four gospels, is key to understanding the opposition religious and political authorities had to Jesus.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

12 Noon	Vestry (Annual General Meeting)	Hall
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

Monday 26

12:30-2:00 pm	Quiet Contemplation	Church
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

Tuesday 27

9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt
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Wednesday 28

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 – “The Help”	Denson Lounge

Thursday, March 1

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Church
7:00 pm	FOCUS: What Does God Require? “Liturgy and Faith” – led by The Ven. Alastair McCollum	Denson Lounge

Friday 2

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Sunday 4

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

**The deadline for leaflet announcements
is Tuesday noon of each week.**

**All notices are to be given in writing,
preferably by email.**

THIS WEEK

NOTICE OF 2018 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held **today 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 **today at 12 Noon in St. John's Parish Hall**. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

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 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

Please join us for a **Korean Dinner and Cultural Celebration on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018!** This is a fundraiser put on by the **Kalmo Refugee Support Group** in partnership with our First Met-St John Refugee Support Group. This is a great opportunity to try some Korean food and help the Kalmo group raise funds towards the sponsorship of four family members of Marwo Abdi, originally from Somalia.

Where: First Metropolitan United Church Fellowship Hall, 932 Balmoral Road

When: 5:00 to 8:30 pm, Saturday March 3, 2018

Tickets: \$30 for adults, \$20 for teens, \$10 for pre-teens, \$60 for a couple with one child.

For tickets please contact Kathy Cook at kcook@datagruven.com or Jaerang Lee at whipparam@yahoo.co.kr.



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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Palm Sunday, March 25

- 8:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Parish Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms

Monday, March 26

- 7:30 pm Eucharist with Prayers of Penitence

Tuesday, March 27

- 7:30 pm Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesday, March 28

- 7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast
- 7:30 pm Victoria Baroque Players present Music for Passiontide with St. John's Chamber Singers - watch future leaflets for details

Maundy Thursday, March 29

- 12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist
- 6:00 pm Parish Potluck
- 7:30 pm Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, with washing of feet (volunteers only!) and stripping of the Altars. Followed by a short time of silent vigil.

Good Friday, March 30

- 10:00 am Good Friday Family Service
- 12 Noon-2:00 pm Silence and Meditations
- 2:00 pm Traditional Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Day, April 1

- 8:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Festival Eucharist followed by Champagne Brunch



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 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.

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.



The DIVINE BUY AND SELL will be offering further items for sale in MARCH.
Watch for the list of items, accompanying the Sunday leaflet, with extra lists at the church exit doors.

More items are needed – a great chance to declutter or downsize!

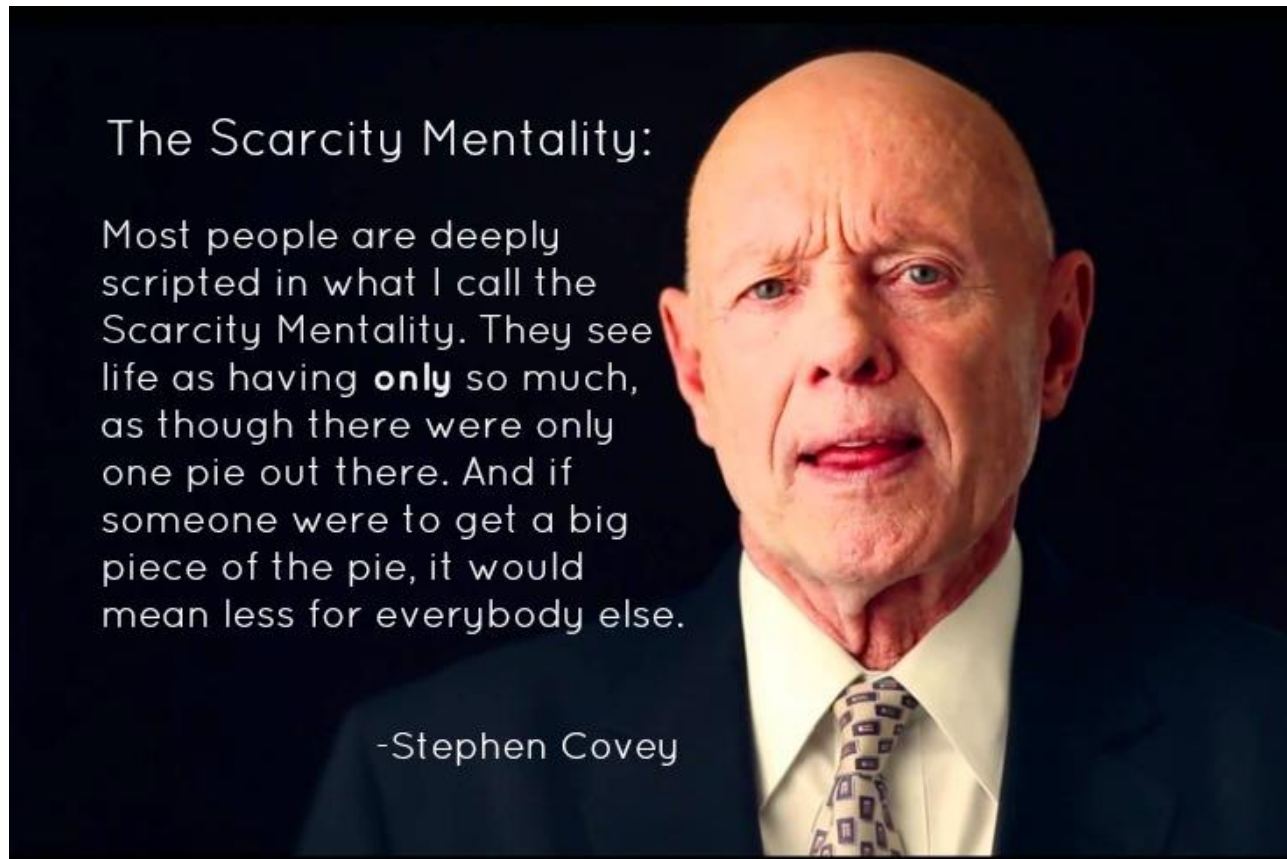
If you can offer something for sale, contact Beryl Roundhill at roundhill@shaw.ca.

All proceeds go to St. John the Divine Church.



SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment, he replied with a trick answer: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength” and “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” You can’t have just one; you need to have both. And the link that unites them is God’s limitless generosity, acknowledged and enacted. When we gather as church each Sunday, we should ponder the stories that declare scarcity to be false: an impromptu hillside meal with as much in left-overs as when it began, a barren desert blossoming with manna, an earth fully equipped to meet everyone’s needs. And a question should be burning in our hearts: “What if it is true? What if one of the links between the Creator’s generosity and the neighbor’s needs is us, this community?” If that is not true, then scarcity rules and we are in sorry shape. But if it is, and if we believe it is, we can begin life anew as stewards of God’s abundance.

Walter Bruggemann

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

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