

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 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.



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.

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Sermon: The Reverend Bill Tarter, OSF

Readers: Judith Branion, Elizabeth McAuley

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Audio: Bob McIntosh

Verger: David Pupak

Music: The Community Choir

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 459)

HAREWOOD

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

KYRIE ELEISON



Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.' and 'Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son.' and 'Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.' and 'Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.'. The notes are simple, with some rests and a final cadence on the last note of each phrase.

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 the covenant,
give us zeal to discern the foolishness
and the wisdom of this present age,
so that we may proclaim Christ crucified;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

FWM Proposed Prayers

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

19:7-14



The hea-vens are tell-ing the glo - ry of God.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether. **R**

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb. **R**

By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults! **R**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (IONA 63)

SALLEY GARDENS

THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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 529)

MICHAEL

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

Mass xviii

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: 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.

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.

MOTET

Be thou my vision – Bob Chilcott (b. 1959)

The text of the anthem can be found at Common Praise no. 505.

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

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 576)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

VOLUNTARY *Ricercar in C minor*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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 MARCH 11 – 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Numbers 21:4-9 In this story, that which seemed most to be feared by the Hebrew people becomes the source of their healing.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 God's people express thanksgiving for deliverance from troubles and distress.

Ephesians 2:1-10 Through Christ Jesus God opens up new possibilities for living.

John 3:14-21 Beginning with a reflection on the Numbers story for today, this Gospel speaks eloquently of God's love, but it also reveals the historical tension between the members of John's community and their fellow Jews.

7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

Officiant: The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

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

Setting of the Canticles: Charles V. Stanford in B flat

Lectionary: Church of England, 2nd Service

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 (NEH 60)

SONG 34

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

Psalm 12

FIRST LESSON *(Please sit)*

Exodus 5.1-6.1

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)

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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of the Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)*

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren Mit Trauren,
Sei stille; Wie Gott es fügt so sei vergnügt, mein
Wille!

Was willst du heute sorgen Auf morgen?
Der Eine Steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das
Deine.

Sei nur in allem Handel Ohn' Wandel,
Steh' feste, Was Gott beschleußt, das ist und
heißt das Beste. Amen

*Only let nothing cause you to waste time in sadness:
be tranquil. As God ordains, be content, my will.*

*Why do you take care today for the morrow? The One
is there for all, he'll give to you too what is your due.*

*Just be in every dealing unchangeable:
stay firm. What God decides is, and has the name of,
the best. Amen*

Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

HYMN (CP 180)

SONG 13

VOLUNTARY

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

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

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 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	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 – “Calendar Girls”	Denson Lounge

Thursday 8

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Church
7:00 pm	FOCUS: What Does God Require? “Wisdom Liturgy and the Mystical Journey” – led by Dr. Kem Luther	Denson Lounge

Friday 9

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Saturday 10

CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR

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

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

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

THIS WEEK

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

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.) (**Note: start time is 6:30 pm**)

"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 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.

Palm Cross Making - The workshop to make palm crosses will be on Sat., March 24th at 10:00am-12 Noon, Denson Lounge. Parishioners are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee. No experience necessary.

Many Choral Scholars have recitals coming up in the next few weeks! You can hear lovely music, and support our Choristers at these events:

EMILY STEWART, Soprano

Grad Recital

Monday March 5, 8pm, P.T.Young Recital Hall, Music Bldg, UVic
with Sutton Organ Scholar Ethan Hill and Chorister Aya Robertson on piano
Music by Berg, Bach, Mozart, Ravel, Rimsky-Korsakov, Beckwith, and more

ALANA HAYES, Mezzo-soprano

Master's Graduating Recital

Monday March 12, 8pm, P.T.Young Recital Hall, Music Bldg, UVic
*Music by John Blow, Henry Purcell, Hanel, Mozart, Berlioz, Mahler, Emmanuel Chabrier,
and Joseph Horowitz*

KIERAN FOSS, Tenor

First-year Master's Recital

March 28, 12:30pm, P.T.Young Recital Hall, Music Bldg, UVic

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





The Divine Champagne Easter Brunch
by donation Easter Day, April 1st

Taco Pie/Green Salad,
Shrimp Salad on Croissant/Green Salad

Vegetarian, Vegan & Gluten-free Dish

Tickets through the front office or at coffee hour on Sunday
Cut off is Wednesday, March 28th at 4:00 pm

Diocesan Women's Spring Retreat - April 6th-8th at Camp Pringle

"I Am" with Facilitator: Catherine Pate

Cost \$175 - Registration Deadline, March 23rd

Registration forms available at the church office.

Guess
WHO'S
coming
to Dinner

Save your Friday, April 13th at 6:00 pm for our next **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER**. This is an event where people can choose to have people come to their homes or be a guest. Neither the hosts nor guests know who will be their dinner party companions because Catherine Small and Wendy Suddaby will make up the guest lists. We had our last GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER 2 years ago and every last participant raved about how much fun they had and how great it was to meet new people... even a few timid folk were glad

they'd made the leap. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the Sign Up Sheet at the Garden Door. If you would like more information, or have dietary restrictions, feel free to contact Wendy or Catherine for details.

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

“LET JUSTICE ROLL!” NEWSLETTER

The Lenten Issue of the St. John’s Social Justice and Action Group’s newsletter “**Let Justice Roll!**” is now available! In this SJAG’s second issue, the central theme is Reconciliation/Decolonization. The feature article is entitled: “**My Loss is Your Loss**”. It traces the recent resurgence of Indigenous identity and activism, and then proposes acts of repentance and response from settlers and their Churches. St. John’s own parishioner, Anne Moon, has contributed a personal reflection entitled: “**Inner City Angst**”. There are also thought-provoking articles on **food security**, the meaning of **the common good**, as well as poems and meditations for this season of Lent! Pick up your free copy of “**Let Justice Roll!**” from the tables at either entrance to the sanctuary, or by the Church office.

PWRDF & Blue Envelope for March

It’s March, and once again, the parish Blue Envelope beneficiary is The Primate’s World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF). With your kind donations, the Anglican Church of Canada can resource additional priority community development programs in Africa, other countries of the global South and in First Nation communities in Canada. Mother-child health, food security and water comprise PWRDF’s principal sectors of intervention. As a competent, well-respected agency, PWRDF leverages significant funding (i.e., up to 6:1 annual matching grants) from Global Affairs-Canada. Thanks to you, PWRDF is also able to work through its local and international partners to provide strategic relief and rehabilitation projects serving refugees, migrants and the victims of natural disasters.

Please note that there are lots of engaging and informative stories of PWRDF’s fabulous work on the “*interactive map*” found on the web-site: www.pwrdf.org. An insert explaining PWRDF’s participation in the world-class *Canadian Food Grains Bank* is also featured in the Feb. 2018 print edition of our national Anglican Journal. Finally, Wendy (Suddaby), Murray (Luft) or Rev. Gillian (Hoyer) are always willing to sing the praises of PWRDF and answer any of your questions, before Church or at coffee hour. Thank you all for your commitment to PWRDF via the March Blue Envelope program!



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

“Interestingly, in his turning over of tables, Jesus specifically targeted the merchants who were selling doves. Doves were the least expensive sacrifice permitted to be offered in the temple, and, therefore, were often bought by the poorest of the pilgrims.

It was a marketplace that took advantage of the poor, who had little other choice. It was a ‘subprime’ marketplace in which a few accumulated great wealth for themselves at the expense of those who could least afford to pay. The money changers had taken a place reserved for the values of God, and used it to put their profits first. No doubt these money changers would have argued that they were only responding to a demand of the market, but Jesus didn’t seem to see it that way. What was happening in the marketplace was a spiritual and moral problem, not just an economic one...”

Jim Wallis. Sojourners

"How Then Shall We Live?" - The relationship between the spiritual and the ethical - inner and outer life - contemplation and action. A public lecture by VST prof, Janet Gear this Friday, March 9th at 7 pm in Oak Bay United Church. Further information about this event and others in this ecumenical series from Sue Fraser, Barry Jenks, or the notice board opposite Denson Lounge.

“Walking Together: A Journey with our Indigenous Neighbours”

*A program of Learning, Understanding and Respecting the Cultures,
Experiences and Aspirations of First Peoples*

April 8 to May 12

Through the efforts of the St. John's Social Justice and Action Group we will be running this program as a contribution of this faith community to “walking the walk” in our relations with First Peoples. We do because of who we claim to be and in response to the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Starting with a service of welcome and storytelling by a member of the Songhees Nation, we will then move into a series of presentations on six themes on Wednesday evenings from April 11 to May 9 from 7.00 to 8.30 on: “Residential School Experience through Children’s’ Art”; “Dismantling Racism”; “Ways Ahead: Reviving Indigenous Law and Custom”; “Ways Ahead; Language Revitalization”. The program will end with a service on May 13 with the theme “The Journey Continues: Where from Here?” In these sessions we shall be able to learn from the experience and wisdom of members of several Indigenous Nations, as we reflect on the past, present and future of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US, NOTE THE DATES AND TIMES AND STAY TUNED. If you have any questions please contact: John McLaren at jpsmamclaren@gmail.com

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