THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 4th Sunday in Lent

March 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 at 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 **Deacon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

Readers: Doug Henderson, Iris Elsdon

Intercessor: Karen Coverett Audio: John Bergbusch

Verger: Chuck Neilson

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

Organ Scholar

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis – William Walton

(1902-1983)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 602)

CRUCIFER

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:

Kyrie eleison. Κύριε ελέησον. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison. Χριστε ελέησον. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Κύριε ελέησον.

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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 Numbers 21:4-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 2:1-10

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All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (SPr 316)

CORVEDALE

THE GOSPEL John 3:14-21

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 (NEH364)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

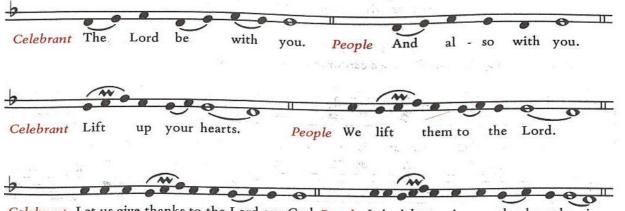
God our provider,

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 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)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

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.



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 (Sung by the choir)

O lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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 (sung by the choir)

John Stainer (b. 1959)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Text: John 3:16-17.

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 565)

CWM RHONDDA

VOLUNTARY Passacaglia in D minor

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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 18 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The only prophet in the Hebrew Scriptures to do so, Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant in which God will fulfill not only God's part of the covenant but humanity's as well.

Psalm 119:9-16 Honouring God's word keeps one's life pure. Hebrews 5:5-10 Because Jesus did not shrink from the suffering his faithfulness cost him, as Christ he has been made perfect or complete. He can now lead us to similar completion. John 12:20-33 Like a wheat seed falling to the earth and dying in order to bear fruit, so too Jesus is willing to let go of his life to manifest God's love.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

| Today | | |
|---------------|---|----------------------|
| 11:45 am | Sunday Reflections | Denson Lounge |
| 9:00 pm | Out of the Rain Youth Shelter | Crypt |
| Monday 12 | | |
| 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 13 | | |
| 10:00 am | Food Bank | Crypt |
| 2:00 pm | ACW Meeting | Denson Lounge |
| 9:00 pm | Out of the Rain Youth Shelter | Crypt |
| Wednesday 14 | | |
| 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 |
| 6:30 pm | Reel Thought – "Silence" (please note time change) | Denson Lounge |
| Thursday 15 | | |
| 12:10 pm | Meditative Eucharist | Church |
| 2:00 pm | Chancel Guild Meeting | Denson Lounge |
| 7:00 pm | FOCUS: What Does God Require? | Denson Lounge |
| | "Prophetic and Social Spirituality" – led by The Rev. Canon Philip Wadham | |
| Friday 16 | | |
| 10:00 am | Food Bank | Crypt |
| Saturday 17 | | |
| 9:30 am | Liturgy Morning – come find out why we do what we do | Church |
| Sunday 18 | | |
| 8:00 am | Holy Communion | Chapel |
| 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | Church |
| 2:00 pm | PFLAG Meeting | Denson Lounge |
| 9:00 pm | Out of the Rain Youth Shelter | Crypt |
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Mark your calendar

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!

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

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, Handel, Mozart, Berlioz, Mahler, Emmanuel Chabrier, and Joseph Horowitz

KIERAN FOSS, Tenor

First-year Master's Recital

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

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 14 Silence (2016) (161 mins.) (Note: start time is 6:30 pm - there will also be a short intermission) "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/tto490215/

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/

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 the **Prayer and Music in the Style of Taizé** service on Fri., March 16th at 6:00 pm at First Metropolitan United Church. Come at 5:30 if you would like to join the 'pop up' choir practice with Diego.



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.

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

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

Wednesday March 28th, 7:30pm at St. John's "Music for Passiontide"

Victoria Baroque Players

with

St. John's Chamber Singers directed by David Stratkauskas

A musical offering of Baroque works written specifically for Holy Week.

Bach: Cantata for Palm Sunday Himmelskönig sei willkommen BWV 182

Pergolesi: Stabat Mater

Tickets: \$28 / \$25 senior / \$5 student & child

available at Munro's Books, Ivy's Bookshop, Long & McQuade, and coffee hour March 18th & 25th.

Holy Week



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.



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.

SO WHAT IS PWRDF DOING IN CANADA?

We've heard a lot in the past about major projects in Africa, Central America and Asia, but I've learned that there are seven projects in Canada. Considering our interest on reconciliation with indigenous folk, PWRDF's choice of projects lines right up with that focus.

The first one is The Nuu-chah-nulth (NCN) Language & Culture Program (NLCP) on Vancouver Island. 13,100 people have benefitted from 94 resource items developed for the preservation of the NCN language and culture.

In Alberta, the First Nation Adult & Higher Education Consortium (FNAHEC) is being assisted with PWRDF funds to provide online courses that have benefited 7,800 people to learn the Blackfoot history, language and culture.

Pikangikum First Nations and Habitat for Humanity Manitoba have been working to refit 20 houses so that they are connected to the water treatment plant. Five of the PFN youth have been trained to do the work and maintain the systems.

The Aboriginal Maternal Health and Midwifery Program at Ryerson University is doing research and implementing new strategies to promote maternal health through traditional midwifery practices in Canada, Mexico and Peru.

In Quebec, the Partner: Kanien'kehaka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa Language and Cultural Centre (KORLCC) has been assisted in its Kanien'kéha language preservation project that has benefited 11,000 people.



DON'T GO HOME

without picking up the March list of BUY + SELL items (extra lists at the church exit doors)

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

When I feed the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor are poor, they call me a communist.

Saint Oscar Romero Deep Justice in a Broken World p.17

Instructed Eucharist, March 17th, 9:30 am – Noon at St. John the Divine

Why do we do what we do, and when do we do it? Every now and then we must take time to examine our actions and rituals to make sure that we are able to deeply appreciate their beauty and significance. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the most central, primary, and important action of the gathered Christian community. We will spend time together and discuss the general framework of the liturgy with plenty of time for questions and comments. We will also celebrate the liturgy in an instructed manner which provides some brief commentary during the Eucharist. Come join us!

"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 this 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 pm 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

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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