THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 8, 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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Gospel Reader: Chris Eve

Sermon: The Reverend Gillian Hoyer **Readers:** Beryl Roundhill, Kit Pearson

Intercessor: Karen Coverett **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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP206)

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GATHERING

In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.

All: From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place

We gather in the name of the living God.

All: We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and in this space

We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

All: In this time and space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and space

We are not alone, but one in Christ.

All: Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place

Hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

All: In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,

Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Florence Dick, CRD Liaison - Songhees Wellness Centre, will offer a welcome to the territories and a reflection.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS John Merbecke, adapted and in earth peace, good will to-wards all. Glo-ry be to God on high, We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give thanks to you for your great glo-ry, O Lord god, God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on-ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ; Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on-ly are the Lord; on - ly, \mathbf{o} Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, you are most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Risen Christ for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READING Acts 4:32-35

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (Sung by the choir)

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Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

A Note: The term "The Jews" in John's Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Jesus said 'You have believed because you have seen me: blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.



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

Amen.

Let us declare our faith in God:

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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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 228 omit vv. 2 & 3)

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God,

All: ruler of heaven and earth.

> Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

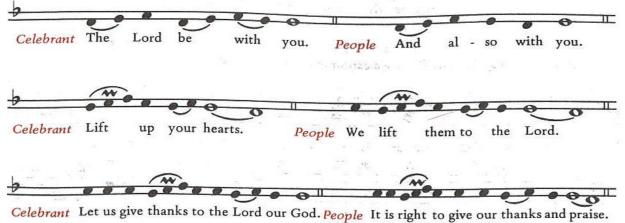
Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Liturgy for the Island and Inlets



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.

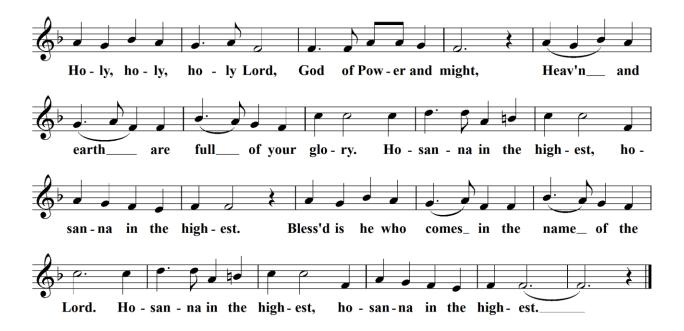
From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets learned their dependence on your provision, salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

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



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."

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:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

All are invited to receive communion at the side chapel, at the altar rail, or at the back of the church. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.

Ministry of Healing

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

All: in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 237)

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VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR APRIL 15

Acts 3:12-19 After Peter and John heal a lame beggar in the name of Jesus, a crowd gathers to hear Peter preach.

Psalm 4 Those who lament to God do so with an underlying faith that God cares enough to listen and help.

1 John 3:1-7 Children of God through Christ are to be open-eyed with respect to sin and lawlessness. **Luke 24:36b-48** The disciples are confronted by the reality of the risen Lord and charged to be his witnesses to all nations.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

In thanksgiving for the life of Altaire Butler, lovingly remembered, from Ted and Vorna.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

Please ensure that any announcements to be read or requests to speak on Sunday morning are received in the office by Friday noon.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge 9:00 pm Out of the Rain Youth Shelter Crypt

Monday 9

1:30 pmThe Divine KnittersDenson Lounge2:00 pmBook StudyChapel9:00 pmOut of the Rain Youth ShelterCrypt

Tuesday 10

10:00 amFood BankCrypt2:00 pmACW MeetingDenson Lounge9:00 pmOut of the Rain Youth ShelterCrypt

Wednesday 11

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Church/Denson Lounge
1:30 pm Art & Soul Group Crypt
7:00 pm Walking Together: A Journey with Our Indigenous Neighbours Church

"Understanding the Impact of Residential Schools through the

Childhood Art of Survivors and their Stories"

Presenters: Andrea Walsh (Dept. of Anthropology, UVic) and

Mark Atleo (Ahousaht Nation)

Thursday 12

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

Friday 13

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Sunday 15

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel
10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church
11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge
2:00 pm PFLAG Denson Lounge
9:00 pm Out of the Rain Youth Shelter Crypt



THIS WEEK

Sunday Reflections - On weeks without other events we offer the opportunity to ask 'what just happened?' at our Sunday service - an open forum to discuss the sermon, liturgy, music, and indeed anything that might have cropped up during our worship services, or about Anglican practice and tradition generally. This takes place at **11:45am**, **following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

Come and revive your **Art & Soul** at the art and spirituality group held in the basement space at St. John the Divine every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm. Art experience is not necessary! We ask for a *voluntary* donation of \$4.00 per session to provide supplies for those in need. Any questions - please contact Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe.

Spiritual Director Sherri Koster will be at St. John's tomorrow, Monday, April 9th and Thursday, April 12th. If you have any questions or would like to book an appointment please contact Sherri directly at sherrikoster@gmail.com.

The Diviners' Walking Group - 2018 - Copies of this year's schedule at the Garden Door.

Diviners' Walk – Friday, April 13th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Thetis Lake Park –** Meet at parking lot on Lochside Trail just behind the Monkey Tree Pub – north of McKenzie on Borden, then left on Lochside Drive. Pub: Monkey Tree, 4025 Borden Street, 250-727-3550. Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.

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.



"An angel mid the woods of May Embroidered it with radiance gay That gossamer with gold bedight Those fires of God - those gems of light." Dafydd ap Gwillym

Please consider lighting our church with a Flower Dedication.

The Dedication Board is located at the garden gate door. Susan Powell

Blue Envelopes - The donations we make through the Blue Envelopes to further outreach in our community and beyond are sent to the recipients at the end of the year. We have received thank you letters from several of them expressing their appreciation for our tangible support for the work they do. They are posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Parish House for you to read.

The April Special Monthly Envelope is for The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, which is a contemporary expression of the religious life for women within the Anglican Church of Canada. In our diocese, the sisters provide a house of prayer, hospitality and worship at St. John's House in Victoria.



NEXT SUNDAY, April 15, pick up your new list of **DIVINE BUY + SELL** items (extra lists at church exit doors)

To find out more about an item, contact the Seller by phone.

(All proceeds go to the church of St. John the Divine)

Many thanks to all who helped with the Easter Brunch, from the setup & kitchen crew, to the Punch makers & participants for the cleanup. Special Thanks to Arie & Anke Schaddelee for the chocolate rabbit that adorned each table & was enjoyed by the lucky person who received one.

Cheers, Chuck & Gary

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

"The ability to acknowledge, understand and feel wholeness and connection within oneself, as well as interconnectedness with other creatures, nature and the universe, might be one of the abilities that we have forgotten over colonial history, throughout which we have been compelled to focus enormously on our body and mind."

Yumiko Kawano

St. Thomas the Apostle

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"
Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite

Starfields 2018 is an exciting, inaugural festival of hope, expressed through music, dialogue and spoken word. It runs Apr. 13, 14 and 15. The festival is endorsed by the Anglican Diocese. It presents opportunities for open-minded and open-hearted human engagement and artistic expression to foster closeness and understanding among people of different faiths, cultures and community groups. Events take place at various downtown venues. Keynote speaker is Christian social activist Shane Claiborne from Philadelphia. Great evening concerts planned (tickets required) and engaging free events (no tickets required). For full schedule and event details, please visit: http://starfields.ca/lineup/

WALKING TOGETHER: A JOURNEY WITH OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS

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

Sun. Apr. 8	"Walking Together – Stories and their Telling"
10:00 am	Welcome and Opening Address by Florence Dick

@ St. John's (CRD Liaison, Songhees Wellness Centre).

Wed., Apr. 11 **"Understanding the Impact of Residential Schools** 7:00 pm **through the Childhood Art of Survivors and their**

@ St. John's **Stories"** Presenters: Andrea Walsh (Dept. of Anthropology, UVic) and

Mark Atleo – (Ahousaht Nation).

Wed., Apr. 18 "The Present and Lingering Effects of Colonialism and 7:00 pm Racism in Relations Between Non-Indigenous and

@Baumann Ctr Indigenous Canadians" A workshop, based on Dismantling Racism

(parish hall) (a module of The Anglican Church of Canada);

Facilitator: Patrick Sibley.

Wed., Apr. 25 "Ways Ahead – Land and Culture and Recovering the Law & Customs of

7.00 pm Indigenous Nations"

@ St. John's Presenter: Val Napoleon (Chair of Aboriginal Law & Justice, U. Vic –

Saulteau Nation and Gitksan Nation [adopted]).

Wed., May. 2 Letting History Speak to Us – NFB Documentary: "Duncan Campbell Scott: the Poet and the Indians" with comment and

@ St. John's discussion led by Hamar Foster Q.C., (Professor Emeritus, Law, U Vic)

Wed., May 9 "Ways Ahead: Indigenous Language Revitalization"

7:00 pm Presenter: Jacqueline Jim

LAU, WELNEW TS (SENCOTEN Language Teacher, WSANEC Nation)

Sun., May 13 "The Journey Continues: Where From Here?

10:00 am Bishop Logan McMenamie will preach.

@ St. John's

To assist with gauging numbers you are asked to register for the Wednesday sessions, at the Church Office in person, by phone (250-383-7192) or email carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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