THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE The 4th Sunday of Easter April 22, 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 Bill Tarter, OSF
Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley
Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum
Readers: Tom Bailey, Pat Payne
Intercessor: Kevin Farris
Verger: Jim Pauly
Audio: Joel Durkovic
Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine, The MacRae Choral Scholars

The Gathering of the Community

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROITEgo sum pastor bonus - Heinrich Isaac (c. 1450-1517)Ego sum pastor bonus, alleluia:I am the good shepherd (alleluia):et cognosco oves meas,and I know my sheep,et cognoscunt me meae, alleluia, alleluia.and mine know me. (alleluia, alleluia).

Text: Eastertide Communion antiphon.

VULPIUS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 211)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

- All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! May God's grace and peace be with you.
- All: May our hearts be filled with joy.

Almighty God

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen. **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**



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

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

> Lord of the sheepfold, whose love is not for hire: we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us when we could not help ourselves. Give us strength to work for peace in the world he came to serve; through the same Jesus Christ, the good shepherd.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul, he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou preparedst a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou annointest my head with oil my cup runneth over.

Surely thy goodness and mercy shall follow follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.

Setting: Jonathan Wikeley (b. 1979)

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Acts 4:5-12

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THE EPISTLE

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 459)

The Gospel

Before the Gospel



Cantor or choir: My sheep hear my voice says the Lord : I know them and they follow me.



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

All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

> We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;

HAREWOOD

John 10:11-18

to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

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Renewal of Vows

To mark the celebration of their wedding anniversary, John and Pat Jenkins will renew their wedding vows in a brief ceremony.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Please stand. The Presider may introduce the peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

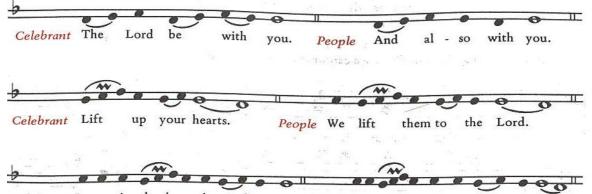
THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 207)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of loving care, All: you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen. SALZBURG

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe You are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason , and skill; you made us the stewards of creations.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

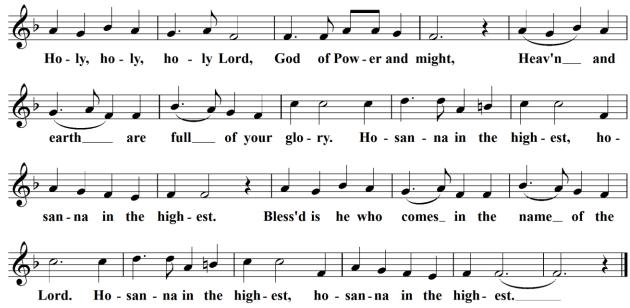
But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you send your Son, born of a women, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ,

who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,

took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said,

"Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,

we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,

we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,

and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,

and made a new people by water and the Spirit,

now bring you these gifts.

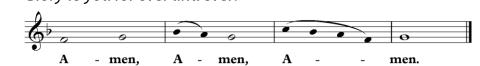
Send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this offering of your Church,

that we who eat and drink at this holy table

may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Pour your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. Glory to you for ever and ever.



All:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF 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.

MOTET DURING COMMUNION

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur, O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, Mens impletur gratia, Et future gloriae, nobis pignus datur.

O Messiaen (1908-1992)

Recolitur memoira passionis eius; The memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given in us. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274).

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!

G. Mushel (1909-1989)

VOLUNTARY Toccata 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 29

Acts 8:26-40 The impact of the Easter faith reaches remote Ethiopia.

Psalm 22:24-30 The conclusion of the same psalm read on Good Friday gives thanks for God's faithful love of all peoples.

1 John 4:7-21 There is to be mutual love among Christians, for God is love.

John 15:1-8 The organic relationship between God, Christ, and believers is metaphorically represented in Jesus' discourse about the vine and branches.

Flowers are given to the glory of God

Main

With thanks to God for all these blessings on our 60th Wedding Anniversary, from John and Pat Jenkins.

Chapel

In loving memory of a dear cousin and friend, Gordy Foster, from Daryl and Mark.

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

Today				
11:30 am	Divine Brunch	Hall		
Monday 23				
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge		
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel		
4:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Vestry		
Tuesday 24				
10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt		
Wednesday 25				
7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Church/Denson Lounge		
1:30 pm	Art and Soul Group	Crypt		
7:00 pm	Walking Together: A Journey with Our Indigenous Neig	ghbours Church		
"Ways Ahead—Land and Culture and Recovering the Law & Custom				
	of Indigenous Nations"			
	Presenter: Val Napoleon (Chair of Aboriginal Law & Jus	tice, UVic -		
	Saulteau Nation and Gitksan Nation [adopted]).			
Thursday 26				
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Church		
Sunday 29				
8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel		
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church		
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge		

THIS WEEK

Come and revive your **Art and 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.

LGBTQ and Christian – Victoria's Generous Space group meets monthly

Next meeting: **Wed., April 25th @7pm**. Please contact Mark Hanson for meeting location and/or more information: markhansongs@earthlink.net

No matter your sexuality, gender expression, or relationship status; no matter your convictions, interpretation of Scripture, or theology; no matter how vibrant your faith, audacious your questions, or persistent your doubt, there is room for you in our group. The **2018 Diviners' Walking Group schedule** is now available on the entrance tables and at the front office.

Diviners' Walk – Friday, April 27th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Francis King Park –** Follow the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, and take the Helmcken Road exit. Turn left on Burnside Road West, then right on Prospect Lake Road. From Prospect Lake Road travel 300m and turn left on Munn Road, which leads to the park entrance on the right. **Pub:** Pat and Anne Anderson's, 1709 Woodsend Drive.

Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.



The Property Committee's **Annual Spring Clean-up Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5th**, to begin at 8:30 am, coffee and donuts provided, as well as a light lunch at 12:30 pm. Help make our Church cleaner and brighter. All cleaning products are supplied. Lots of jobs available – both big and small.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Garden Door.

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.

Out of the Rain News:

Our night shelter for homeless street kids is now closed for the season and will open again in mid-October. A huge thank you goes out to all of you who supported our kids in some way over the winter months! We have 40 volunteers who supplied about 400 meals to an average of 15 kids on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings, as well as cookies and other treats.

Also greatly appreciated were socks, jackets, mitts and toques, hot chocolate, tea and jam. Thank you also to those who supported this street ministry financially, we couldn't do it without all of you! It's great to belong to such a generous and compassionate congregation.

With thanks, Karyn and Gerry

Dear friends and family at St. John the Divine,

As we pack the last of our things and prepare to move East, I wanted to stop and say a big thank you, from both Matthew and me, for all of your support and encouragement over these last two years. We will miss you.

I also wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who made my last Sunday with you so special. I was moved by your love and support and your generosity. Thank you so much. I will always cherish you and our shared ministry at St. John's and am so thankful to have had the chance to serve with you for a time.

With love and thankfulness, Gillian

Parish Council Update

Parish Council received an update on the review of the lighting within the church and gave approval for the project team to move to the next stage of getting tenders for the planned improvements. The Treasurer gave an update on the parish financial statements for the first quarter of the year and informed Council that the conversion to the new account structure is complete and monthly financial reports will be available from now on. A brief summary of the financials is below. A report was presented from the Property Committee on the condition of the cottage and the various hazardous materials it contains. Due to these materials, the cottage will be sealed and no one will be allowed to enter until such time as it can be demolished. It was decided to close the Ministry Matters Fund that was created in 2016 to fund the Deacon's honorarium as the honorarium is now included in the general budget. The remaining funds in the Ministry Matters Fund will be returned to unrestricted funds.

Finances to March 31, 2018	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$132,694	\$115,404
Expenses	\$168,076	\$183,354
Net	-\$35,381	-\$67,950

Further information is available on the web site.



"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

Our **blue envelope special collection** for April 2018 is for the **Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD**). This traditional Anglican monastic community was established in 1884 and has had a continued presence in Canada for 134 years. Prayer is of vital importance in the lives of the Sisters as is a balanced life of prayer, work and rest.

Did you know that in our Diocese, SSJD has been a praying presence and a house of hospitality and worship since 2002, residing at 3937 St. Peter's Road (next to St. Peter's, Lakehill)? The Victoria-based Sisters (currently Sr. Brenda, Sr. Amy Joy and Sr. Dorothy Grace) visit all of the churches in the Diocese at least once per year. You will recognize them by their blue habits. These Sisters have been a steady presence at the province's Truth and Reconciliation hearings, providing prayerful support to our First Nations people as they have given their testimony. They are committed to being a part of the change that is needed in the relationship between First Nations, the Church and the government.

For more information on the Sisterhood and their local presence:

- Visit the website www.ssjd.ca
- Join the Sisters on St. Peter's Road for worship.
- Read their 130th anniversary book "A Journey Just Begun" available through the Sisters or on Amazon.
- Contact Sandi Austin, an Oblate of SSJD

Please consider a donation this month to assist the Sisters to maintain their praying presence in our Diocesan community.

WALKING TOGETHER: A JOURNEY WITH OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS A Program of Learning, Understanding and Respecting the Cultures,

Experiences and Aspirations of First Peoples

Wed., Apr. 25 7.00 pm @ St. John's	"Ways Ahead – Land and Culture and Recovering the Law & Customs of Indigenous Nations" Presenter: Val Napoleon (Chair of Aboriginal Law & Justice, U. Vic – Saulteau Nation and Gitksan Nation [adopted]).	
Wed., May. 2 7.00 p.m. @ St. John's	Letting History Speak to Us – NFB Documentary: "Duncan Campbell Scott: the Poet and the Indians" with comment and discussion led by Hamar Foster Q.C., (Professor Emeritus, Law, U Vic)	
Wed., May 9 7:00 pm LAU,WELNEW TS	"Ways Ahead: Indigenous Language Revitalization" Presenter: Jacqueline Jim (SENCOTEN Language Teacher, WSANEC Nation)	
Sun., May 13 10:00 am @ St. John's	"The Journey Continues: Where From Here? Bishop Logan McMenamie will preach.	

To assist with gauging numbers you are asked to register for the Wednesday sessions, at the Church Office in person, by phone (250-383-7169) or email carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

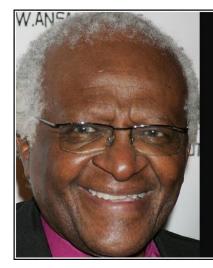
The Good Shepherd

Because he would not abandon the flock for a lost sheep after the others had bedded down for the night, he turned back, searched the thickets and gullies. Sleepless, while the flock dozed in the morning mist he searched the pastures up ahead. Winter nearing, our wool heavy with brambles, ropes of muddy ice, he did not abandon the lost sheep, even when the snows came.

Still, I knew there was only a thin line between the good shepherd and the butcher. How many lambs had put their heads between the shepherd's knees, closed their eyes, offering their neck to the knife? Familiar – the quick thuds of the club doing its work. More than once at night I saw the halo coming. I ran like a deer and hid among rocks, or I crawled under a bush, my heart in thorns.

During the day I lived my life in clover watching out for the halo. I swore on the day the good shepherd catches hold, trying to wrestle me to the ground and bind my feet, I will buck like a ram and bite like a wolf, although I taste the famous blood I will break loose! I will race under the gates of heaven, back to the mortal fields, my flock, my stubbled grass and mud.

Stanley Moss



In most, when you go to church, most churches when they have images of the good shepherd, they show Jesus carrying a nice fluffy lamb. Now fluffy little lambs don't stray from their mommy's. The sheep that will stray is the most obstreperous, troublesome one.

– Desmond Tutu –

AZQUOTES

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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