

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 5th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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 Canon Kevin Arndt

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

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Readers: Judith Branion, Lorraine Gates

Intercessor: Kit Pearson

Vergger: Douwe Bosma

Audio: Al Lehmann

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

Mass Setting: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) – Mass for four voices

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 220)

ALL SAINTS

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

Loving God, Maker of all,

All: Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,

All: Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life,

All: Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings.

Silence is kept.

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.

All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.


May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

GLORIA (sung by the choir)



Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all.



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, heav-en - ly King,

God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, 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;
 you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 are most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

God of deep soil and luxurious growth, you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: May we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are, Jesus Christ, the true vine.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

22:24-30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE EPISTLE

1 John 4:7-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 485)

LOVE DIVINE

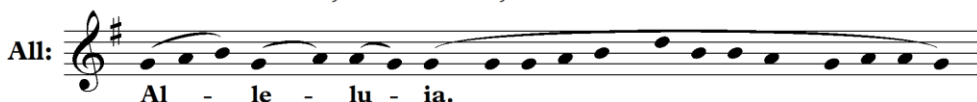
THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Before the Gospel



Deacon: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord :
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.



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

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 (NEH 310)

OFFERTORIUM

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

B.A.S. 5

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

SANCTUS (*sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.”
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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 *(sung by the choir)*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

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.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm. XXIV v. 8

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

**All: in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you sent 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 379)

GOSPAL (CP 236)

VOLUNTARY Prelude and fugue in C major BWV 545

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 MAY 6

Acts 10:44-48 Acceptance of Gentiles marks a major shift for a believing community.

Psalms 98 All creation is called to join a new song celebrating God's presence in all the earth.

1 John 5:1-6 Jesus' command to love is understood from the relationship between God and Jesus, and Jesus and believers.

John 15:9-17 Jesus instructs his disciples to abide in his love, to love each other as he has loved them.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

In memory of two great dads: John Hodges and Peter Balogh, with love from their families.

Lectern

In loving memory of Fran and Trevor Ashwell, from the Ashwell family.

Chapel

In loving memory of John, from Pat and Alan Ormerod.

**WALKING TOGETHER:
A JOURNEY WITH OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS**
*A Program of Learning, Understanding and Respecting the Cultures,
Experiences and Aspirations of First Peoples*

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
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"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

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

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 30

2:00 pm Book Study Chapel

Tuesday, May 1

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Wednesday 2

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 Neighbours Church

“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, UVic)

Thursday 3

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

Friday 4

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Saturday 5

8:30 am Spring Work Day Everywhere

Sunday 29

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:30 am Maureen Marks to speak about The Taiama Project Denson Lounge

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Rector's Office

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.

The **2018 Diviners' Walking Group schedule** is now available on the entrance tables and at the front office.

Diviners' Walk – Friday, May 4th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers):

Fernwood Walk – Start at John & Jean Sylwester's home, 1408 Walnut Street, 1 block east of Fernwood Road, 1 block south of Bay Street. **Pub:** Fernwood Inn, 1302 Gladstone at Fernwood, 250-412-2001.

Please contact Larry Scyner at 250-361-4652 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.

Friday, May 18th, 2018 - 7:30pm

at St. John's

**Victoria Baroque: Trumpets Shall Sound
with Simon Munday, trumpet (UK)**

A Grand Orchestral Feast for trumpets, horns, winds, and strings.

*Music by Telemann, Purcell, Heinichen, Biber,
and Handel's Water Music Suites in D & G*

TICKETS \$28, \$25, \$5

from Long & McQuade, Munro's Books, Ivy's Bookshop, at the door,
and coffee hour on May 13th

250-590-9770 victoria-baroque@shaw.ca

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

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“All I can do is remind you of what you already know deep within your True Self and invite you to live connected to this Source. John the Evangelist writes, “God is love, and whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him [and her]” (1 John 4:16). The Judeo-Christian creation story says that we were created in the very “image and likeness” of God—who is love (Genesis 1:26; see also Genesis 9:6). Out of the Trinity’s generative, loving relationship, creation takes form, mirroring its Creator.”

Richard Rohr

The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean—
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth
instead of up and down—
who is gazing around with her enormous
and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and
thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open,
and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention,
how to fall down into the grass,
how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed,
how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your own wild and precious life?

From *New and Selected Poems*, 1992. Beacon Press, Boston, MA
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