

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John The Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine, at the station nearest to where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations: please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered ‘full communion’ (also known as ‘Communion in One Kind’).

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable.

You are very welcome here. We don’t always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don’t. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found at page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

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Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Readers: Scott Sudbeck, Judith Reid

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Vergger: David Pupak

Audio: Walter Hundleby

Music: The Community Choir

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 319)

NATIVITY

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

John Merbecke, adapted



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 abiding love,
you dare to call us friends.
Take our fragmented hearts,
command them to love,
and make whole our joy,
which is our life, reborn in Jesus Christ,
who laid down his life for us.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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All the ends of the earth have seen: the sal - va - tion of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvellous things:
With his own right hand and with his holy arm,
He has brought deliverance. **R**

The Lord has made known his righteous love,
In the sight of all mankind,
And his faithfulness and truth
Toward the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen,
The salvation of our God:
Let all the world be glad in him,
Sing, rejoice and give him thanks. **R**

Let music sound upon the harp,
Let psalms be offered to his praise:
With trumpets and with songs of joy
Shout the praise of God our King. **R**

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-6

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 487)

TWENTY-FOURTH (PRIMROSE)

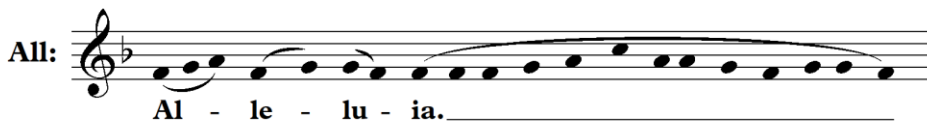
THE GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Before the Gospel



Cantor: If you love me, you will keep my word : and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.



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 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. Amen.**

Ephesians 3

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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 497)

SONG 1

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

BAS #4

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The second staff also has two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The third staff has two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The notes are simple, with some slurs and accents.

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.

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 woman, 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.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth. Amen.

Words from St. John 14 v. 15-17

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 (VU 256)

THAXTED

VOLUNTARY Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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.

7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

Officiant: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

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

Setting of the Canticles: William Byrd, Second Service

Lectionary: Church of England, 2nd Service

An **INTROIT** may be sung by the choir

RESPONSES *(Please stand)*

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord;

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN (CP 214)

DEUS TUORUM

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

45

FIRST LESSON *(Please sit)*

Song of Solomon 4:16—5:2; 8:6-7

MAGNIFICAT *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 1.46-55)

SECOND LESSON *(Please sit)*

Revelation 3:14-end

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 2.29-32)

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand – recited by all)*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the Queen;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
(OR And evermore mightily defend us.)

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT For Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE THIRD COLLECT For Aid Against All Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANTHEM *(Please sit – sung by the choir)*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another
Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever, even
the Spirit of Truth. Amen

Words from St. John 14 v. 15-17

Music:

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

HYMN (CP 27)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

VOLUNTARY

READINGS FOR MAY 13

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Judas is replaced by Matthias as the twelfth apostle.

Psalms 1 This introduction to the entire Psalter contrasts the righteous and the wicked.

1 John 5:9-13 Eternal life is in the ever-present Son of God.

John 17:6-19 Jesus, anticipating his departure and the effects it will have on his disciples, offers intercessory prayer for them.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

In celebration and with thanksgiving for the 100th birthday of Blanche Gates, from Andrew and Lorraine.

Chapel

In loving memory of my Mum, Mary E Duff, who would have been 98 this year. Miss you and love you, from Louise Langman.



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	Discussion with Maureen Mark - Victoria Taiama Project	Denson Lounge
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Rector's Office
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

Tuesday 8

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
2:00 pm	ACW Meeting	Denson Lounge

Wednesday 9

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Church/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art and Soul Group	Crypt
7:00 pm	Walking Together: A Journey with Our Indigenous Neighbours	

“Ways Ahead: Indigenous Language Revitalization”

Presenter: Jacqueline Jim

This week's presentation will be held at the WSANEC Nation Tribal School in Brentwood Bay. See announcement on page 16 for further information.

Thursday 10

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Church
7:30 pm	Parish Eucharist for Ascension Day	Church

Friday 11

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Saturday 12

7:30 pm	A Concert for Mother's Day – Victoria Soul Gospel Choir A Fundraiser for The Food Bank at St. John's	Church
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Sunday 13

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
	Walking Together: A Journey with Our Indigenous Neighbours	
	“The Journey Continues: Where From Here?”	
	Bishop Logan McMenamie will Preside and Preach	
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Rector's Office

THIS WEEK

Evensong Tonight at 7:30 pm

A beautiful and contemplative service of chant, choral music, and prayer to close the day and prepare for the coming week.

Duration approx. 40 minutes.

Sung by The Choristers of St. John the Divine

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.

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 9

“Ways Ahead: Indigenous Language Revitalization”

7:00 pm

Presenter: Jacqueline Jim

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

Bus to WSANEC Nation Tribal School for "Walking Together" Program on Wed. May 9th:

For people who wish to attend the "Indigenous Language Revitalization" program at the Tribal School (but are reluctant to drive), we have arranged for a special bus service to the Tribal School! There are 20 spaces aboard the bus (with driver), graciously donated by Emmanuel Baptist Church! Pickups will be at three locations only: Emmanuel Baptist (Cedar Hill Cross Road/near UVic entrance) at 5:45 pm, St. John's Anglican (downtown) at 6:00 pm, and Royal Oak Shopping Plaza (W. Saanich Road) at 6:15 pm. To reserve a seat, please phone the Church office by Mon., May 7th and specify your pick-up point. For more information, call Murray Luft.

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 (250-383-7169) or email

carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

This Thursday, May 10th there will be a special Ascension Day Eucharist at 7:30 pm here at St. John's. This is a special combined celebration with our friends at Christ Church Cathedral, with special music from our Combined Red Choir and the Cathedral Choir, under the direction of David Stratkauskas and Donald Hunt. The Dean of Christ Church, the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker will preach. There will be wine and nibbles afterwards so do consider coming and welcoming our friends from down the street!

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

Diviners' Walk – Friday, May 11th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Swan Lake** – Meet at parking lot for Nature House. Take McKenzie east, right on Rainbow, then left on Ralph to the end. **Pub:** Gorge Pointe Pub, 1075 Tillicum, 250-386-5500. Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.

On Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 pm, St. George's in Cadboro Bay will be Celebrating the Induction of their new incumbent the Reverend Elizabeth Welch. All are welcome to attend and a special invitation to the LGBTQ2s community here at St. John's to join in and support the new ministry of a member of our LGBTQ2s community. For further details talk with me! *Patrick Sibley*

Victoria Soul Gospel Choir
...where Motown, R&B, and Gospel meet!

A Concert for Mother's Day
TO BENEFIT THE FOOD BANK AT ST. JOHN'S
Saturday, May 12
7:30pm Doors 7:00pm

St. John the Divine Anglican Church
1611 Quadra Street

Tickets \$20 Available at:
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Munro's Books 1108 Government Street
St. John the Divine Church 1611 Quadra Street
and online at...

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Thank you to our Sponsors:

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 next Sunday, May 13th

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

Tickets for the next **Divine Brunch on Sunday, May 20th** are available at coffee hour today and during the week thru the front office. Cut off for tickets is Thursday, May 17th at 4:00 pm.

Menu:

Salmon Quiche / Green Salad,

Egg Salad with Smoked Salmon on a Croissant / Green Salad,

Vegetarian, Vegan and Gluten-Free dish available also.

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.

May Special Blue Envelope -

The blue envelope donations for May will go to support the **Taiama Project in Sierra Leone**. This project supports a School and Primary Health Care Centre in the village of Taiama, which was the home of Eric Sama before he came to Victoria as a refugee from the civil war in the 1990's. Eric, who has attended St. John's, returned there briefly in January 2018, to take medical supplies and funds which provide ongoing support for the project.

In March of this year, there was a great gathering at the Health Care Centre, to celebrate the **100th baby** born at the maternity facility, attended by a local mid-wife. Funds are still needed to hire an outreach worker, who can do pre and post-natal home visits to new mothers and babies.

Today at 11:30 in the Denson Lounge, there will be a short **presentation by Maureen Mark**, chair of the board of the Victoria Taiama Project, with discussion and photos of the project. All are welcome to come and learn the latest news. Coffee will be served.

The Chapel Renovation Committee would like to thank all of you who participated financially in this project. To those who helped with pew removal, unpacking chairs, installation of the book racks and a myriad of small details a huge thanks also. There is still room for additional donations as we continue to fund raise to complete the project including new doors and Indigenous art work. If you would still like to make a donation, please contact Carol-Ann.

Dedications for the chairs are now being addressed. Please send wording to Gillian Barlow at gfb@queensu.ca.

If you have any questions please contact Rhoda Brodie-Smith.

Thank You

Pat and I would like to thank Alastair for allowing us to renew our marriage vows as part of the 10 am service on Sunday, April 22nd, and for the generous support of our church family in helping us celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary. A special thank you to Gary and Chuck for including our Anniversary cake with the Divine Brunch. God Bless and love to you all. *Pat and John Jenkins*

One Hundred Years Ago Today

On May 6th, 1918, the 1.8-metre telescope at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Saanich saw “first light” (made its first observations). The founding director of the observatory, John Stanley Plaskett (1893-1941), was an internationally renowned astronomer and the recipient of a wide range of honours for his scientific achievements. He was also a life-long Anglican and was instrumental in the building of Christ Church Cathedral, where he also served as a warden. Dr. Plaskett was buried from this church by Canon Biddle and a stained-glass window in the nave serves to commemorate him, a fitting tribute in coloured light to a researcher whose spectrographic analysis of starlight advanced our knowledge of the universe.

PWRDF World of Gifts:

Thanks to generous Anglican donors across Canada, 8,473 items were purchased from PWRDF's 2017 World of Gifts guide, raising \$403,000 for PWRDF projects around the world. Gifts were purchased by 2,312 individuals (753 for the first time) and 164 churches (16 for the first time), with goats again coming in as our top seller for the second year in a row. Many thanks to folks in the St. John's community who supported this alternative PWRDF Christmas gifts' program!

Social Media – St. John's is committed to communication. If you would like to share the service on social media please do, but please do so as part of your worship and sensitively. Please feel free to use the hashtag #SJDVic.

NEWCOMERS!

Nametags: IF you would like a nametag, please ask Carol-Ann
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But IF you would NOT, please bear with us while we learn your name.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“A Jewish friend told me this story: A man asks his rabbi, ‘Why does God write the law *on* our hearts? Why not *in* our hearts? It’s the inside of my heart that needs God.’ The rabbi answered, ‘God never forces anything into a human heart. He writes the word on our hearts so that when our hearts break, God falls in.’”

Quote by Martha Beck, author



**These things
I have spoken
to you so that
My Joy may
be in you, and
your joy may
be made full**

John 15:11

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