

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Trinity Sunday

May 27, 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 on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Jane Reid

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 Reverend Bill Tarter, OSF

Readers: Heidi Hodgins, Elizabeth McAuley

Intercessor: Peggy Wilmot

Verger: Richard Routledge

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 1)

NICAEA

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us,
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

JOHN MERBECKE (c.1510–c.1585), 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.

Enfolding God, Trinity of love,
 you are our source, our goal, our life:
 may we be born again in you,
 no more to live alone and unconnected,
 but, sharing the Spirit's breath,
 be carried to your heart;
 through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
 And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 8.12-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 481)

GOTT DES HIMMELS

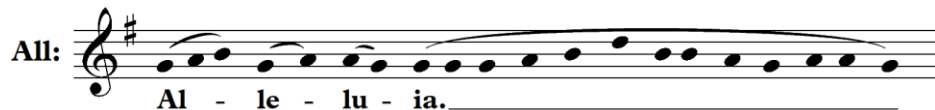
THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Before the Gospel



Choir: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit :
 one God who was who is and who is to come the Almighty.



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.

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 436)

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
All: you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BAS #3

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, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts clearly marked in red. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And al - so with you.' The second staff contains: 'Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains: 'Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise,
because, in the mystery you disclose to us,
you reveal your glory
as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit;
three persons equal in majesty,
undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your everlasting glory.
Therefore with all the company of heaven
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

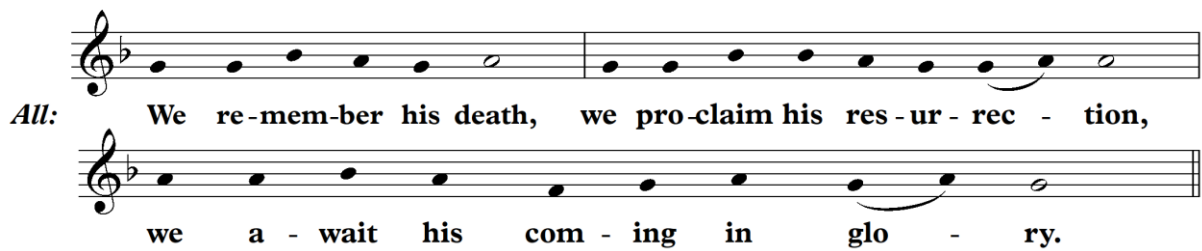
SANCTUS

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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.

МОТЕТ

Иже Херувимы тайно образующе,
и животворящей Троицѣ трисвятую пѣснь
припѣвающе.
Всякое нынѣ житейское отложимъ попечение.
Аминь.
Яко да Царя всѣхъ подыmemъ,
Ангельскими невидимо дори-носима чинми.
Аллилуіа.

P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

*We, who mystically represent the Cherubim,
And chant the thrice-holy hymn to the Life-giving
Trinity,
Let us set aside the cares of life
That we may receive the King of all,
Who comes invisibly escorted by the Divine Hosts.
Alleluia.*

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God,
All: that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (NEP699)

COE FEN

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in d BWV 565

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 NEXT WEEK – JUNE 3

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23—3:6

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

In celebration of Mark Hanson's birthday, from Daryl Hardin.

Chapel

In thanksgiving for the blessings of family and friends, given by Sandy and Shelley Cotton.

This week at St. John's

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.

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
2:30 pm	Linden Singers in Concert	Church

Monday 28

1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
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Wednesday 30

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

Thursday 31

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Church
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Friday, June 1

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Sunday 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

Come and revive your **Art and Soul** at the art and spirituality group in the crypt at St. John the Divine every Wednesday at 1:30pm. Art experience is not necessary! \$4.00 *Voluntary* donation per session to provide supplies for those in need. Any questions –contact Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe.

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

Next meeting: **Wed., May 30th @ 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, June 1st – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers):
Layritz and Logan Parks – Meet at Mann Avenue, one block west of Wilkinson Road (dead end), or on Mann Avenue across the road from Wilkinson Road (near Mormon Church). **Pub:** Crooked Goose Bistro, 4136 Wilkinson road, 250-590-4556.

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

Coastline
Reaching for Ireland, Fundraising Concert

Saturday, June 9

First Church of Christ, Scientist

1205 Pandora Avenue

Doors open 7:00pm - Concert 7:30pm

Tickets available at Long and McQuade, Ivy's Bookshop and Out of Ireland
and through Ruth Swinton.

\$20/\$15 students and VFS members

Coastline is a string ensemble comprised of BC's top young musicians ranging from ages 15-21, coached and mentored by internationally acclaimed fiddler, Ivonne Hernandez. With intricate arrangements of traditional, original and contemporary fiddle tunes from around the world, **Coastline** is pushing boundaries and always having a great time whenever they play. **Coastline** is fundraising for a trip to Ireland in June, 2018.

Did you know that two of St. John's youth, Dexter Hodgins and Camryn Nadeau, are members of **Coastline**? The group rehearses every Friday afternoon in the Denson Lounge. They invite you to their upcoming concert. Check it out!

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 Blue Envelope donations 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, home to Eric Sama before he came to Victoria as a refugee from 1990's civil war. 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, a great gathering at the Health Care Centre celebrated the **100th baby** born at the maternity facility, attended by a local midwife. Funds are still needed to hire an outreach worker, to do pre and post-natal home visits to new mothers and babies. Further information is available from the website: www.taiama.org

Social Justice and Action Group News

As we have walked with and listened to our Indigenous neighbours the past few weeks, we've learned much about what reconciliation might look like and what a complex thing it is.

One way in which we can be involved in a concrete way would be to honour a request from our Songhees neighbours for funding to help their children's soccer team attend the Golden Wings Tournament in Campbell River, June 30-July 1.

The tournament entry fee is \$275 and gas for 9 vehicles is \$360. If you'd consider contributing to this programme, which helps build strong connections with other nations and keeps the children (ages 11-12) active, healthy and strong, kindly place cash or a cheque (made out to St. John the Divine). In an envelope labelled "Golden Wings Soccer Tournament", and leave it at the office. We thank you for your thoughtfulness!



Update from Parish Council (complete details are available in the minutes posted on the bulletin board by the Garden door)

At its meeting on May 15th, the following were discussed/decided on:

- 930 Mason Street - "the cottage", as we are sure you have noticed, the cottage is in some disrepair, it is also a safety hazard due to contaminated materials in it. The decision has been made to demolish it, and we have received cost estimates of around \$40,000. As this is an amount substantially outside the budget, this will be brought to a special vestry meeting (to be announced) to get parish approval.

- A policy around non-budgeted spending / non-budgeted expense approval process was also approved.
- A new contract with the gardener was approved, and notice given of the looming need for drains maintenance.
- The church has received notice that Pacific Opera Victoria wishes to renew the 5 year lease in November. A committee (Graeme Brown, Chair, Bill Huzar and Andrew Gates) will consult with users of the hall to identify any issues.
- Chris Eve reported for the Refugee Committee that enough money had been collected from the parish to re-pay the travel loan with a small surplus.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19.

Finances to April 30, 2018	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$183,123	\$153,872
Expenses	\$221,906	\$244,473
Net	-\$38,783	-\$90,600



WORKSHOP FOR VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEN: Saturday, June 9th, 9:00 am - noon

OR

Wednesday, June 20th 6:00 - 9:00 pm

WHERE: St. Luke's Church Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road

The purpose of the Safe Church Program is to ensure that our parishes are places of safety and wholeness for those who come to us seeking the love of Christ, and to ensure that all of our volunteers and employees are aware of their own personal safety and are equipped to manage their own personal risk.

Safe Church training is a required by the Diocese for ministry volunteers in positions of power such as parish council members, and for those working with children, youth, and/or vulnerable adults.

TO REGISTER: Contact St. Luke's Church Office at 250-477-6741 or st.lukes@shaw.ca. Please provide your name, your parish name, and an e-mail contact or phone number.

Registration closes Wednesday, June 6th (for the June 9th workshop)
and Friday, June 15th (for the June 20th workshop)
or once 32 people have registered for each workshop.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

Trinity Sunday

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

Malcolm Guite



I didn't need to understand the
hypostatic unity of the Trinity; I just
needed to turn my life over to
whoever came up with redwood
trees.

— Anne Lamott —

AZ QUOTES

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

People's Warden: Graeme Brown

Rector's Warden: Chris Eve

Assistant Warden: Joan Huzar

Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

Treasurer: Kate McCabe

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Sherrie Allen, Tom Clements, Carol Anne Harper, Penny Holt, Elizabeth McAuley, Rod Marsh,
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Associate Priest: The Rev'd Bill Tarter, OSF

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