

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The Birth of John the Baptist

June 24, 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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

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: Doug Henderson, Kit Pearson

Intercessor: Pat Ormerod

Vergers: Douwe Bosma

Audio: John Bergbusch

Music: Murray Harris – cantor

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The children are invited to gather at the back of the church and join in the procession.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 103)

WINCHESTER NEW

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

The Presider may introduce the prayers.

We pray together:

All: Where we have failed to recognise your love
in the actions of friend or stranger
forgive us.

Where we have failed to recognise your presence
in the world in which we live
forgive us.

Where we have failed to remember your gospel
in our actions, thoughts and words
forgive us.

Renew our hearts in worship,
our minds in wisdom
and our hands in service.

Amen.

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The priest reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
 you called John the Baptist
 to give witness to the coming of your Son
 and to prepare his way.
 Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose,
 and the openness to hear your will,
 that we too may witness to Christ's coming
 and so prepare his way;
 through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Lord, show us your mer - cy and love.

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

THE EPISTLE

Acts 13:14b-26

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 283)

KING'S LYNN

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-80

Before the Gospel

The Alleluias are sung first by the cantor, then by all:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The verse is then sung by the cantor, and the Alleuias are sung once again by all.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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 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 576)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

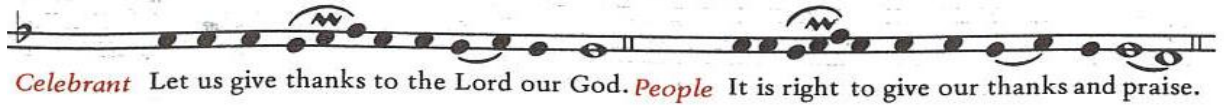
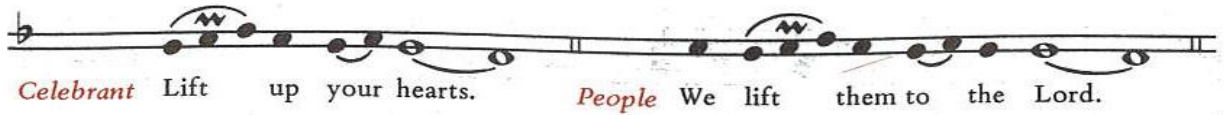
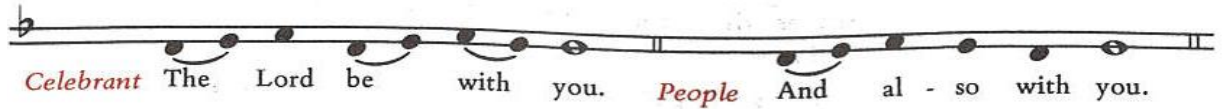
THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of our salvation,

All: accept all we offer you this day, and free us to worship you without fear,
in holiness and righteousness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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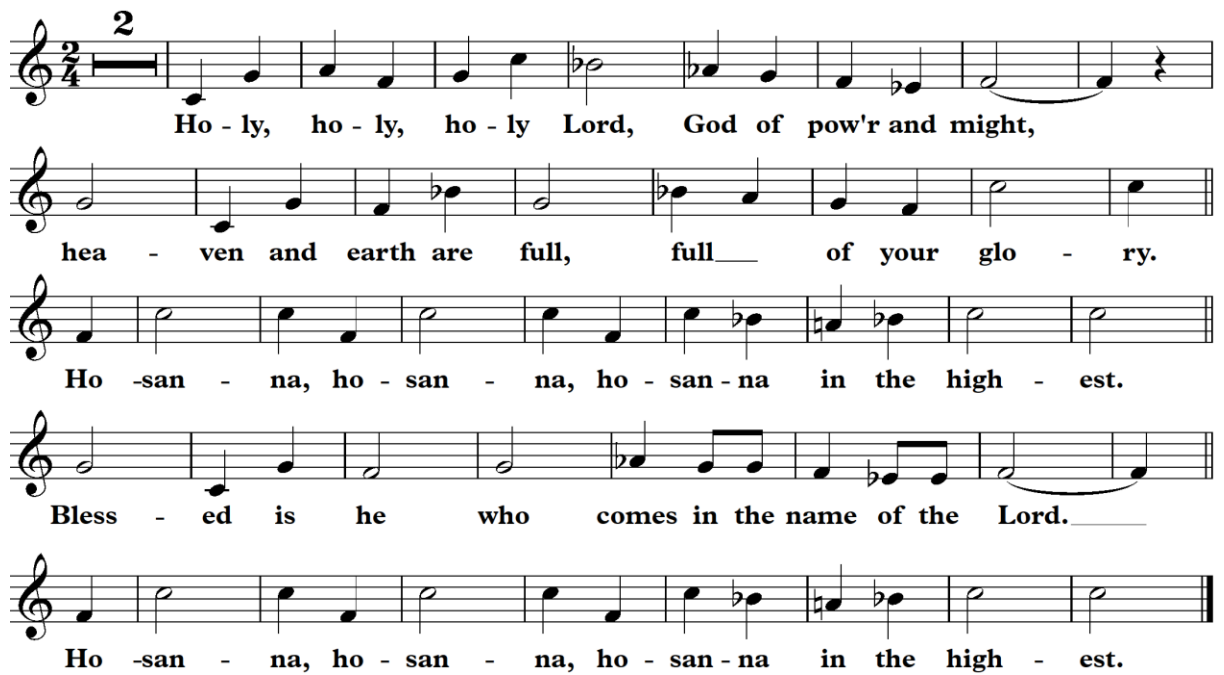
We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

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

2



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.”

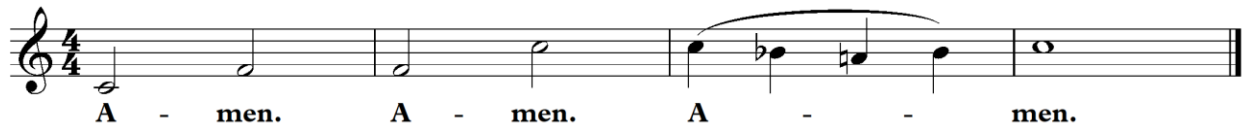
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins 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.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you Lord,

All: for your word and your table

which give us the knowledge of salvation.

Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn;

guide now our feet into the way of peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 494)

NUN DANKET

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR JULY 1ST – THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 David laments publicly the death of Saul and his son Jonathan, David's dear friend.

Psalms 130 A plaintive cry of deliverance concludes with acknowledgement of God's steadfast love.

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Paul asks the church in Corinth to help with the support of the church in Jerusalem.

Mark 5:21-43 God's capacity to give life and healing is exemplified in Jesus.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Chapel

Remembering my Mom, lots of wonderful memories and love, Chuck.

This Week at St. John's

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 25

10:30 am St. John's Court Board Meeting Denson Lounge

Tuesday 26

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

1:00 pm Food Bank Crew Chiefs Meeting Denson Lounge

4:00 pm Redevelopment Committee Meeting Denson Lounge

Wednesday 27

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

2:30 pm Strategic Planning Committee Denson Lounge

Thursday 28

10:00 am Christmas Bazaar Committee Denson Lounge

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

2:30 pm The Blal Family Support Group Denson Lounge

Sunday, July 1

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

7:30 pm Evensong Church

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

Come and revive your **Art 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., June 27th @ 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.*

Diviners' Walk – Friday, June 29th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL SCHEDULE

Royal Roads– Meet at the parking lot at corner of Aldeane Road and Sooke Road, opposite the main gate of Royal Roads. **Pub:** 4 Mile Pub, 199 Old Island Highway, 250-479-3346.

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

Sing out Proud

Lend your voice to Pride Week festivities by joining a special Pride Choir at Christ Church Cathedral.

Come to one rehearsal (June 27th at 5 pm) followed by a performance a week later on Wed., July 4th at 6 pm to be part of our glorious choral Eucharist service. All ages welcome.

Contact the Cathedral's Director of Music Donald Hunt at dhunt@christchurchcathedral.bc.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.

The Special Blue Envelope for June is PEERS.

PEERS Victoria Resource Society is a non-profit society established by former sex workers and community supporters. It provides support, resources and programs for past and current sex workers of all genders, such as help with housing, education, and advocacy services etc.

SJAG News: A grateful thank you to all who contributed to the fund to send the Songhees and Esquimalt soccer team to the Golden Wings Tournament in Campbell River the end of this month. You gave a most welcome gift of \$830.00 to make a difference in the lives of many children and their families!

Gambia refugee update

A few week's ago the parish helped a Gambian single mom in Victoria whose four-year old son still in Gambia had been seriously injured in a motor-cycle accident.

Thanks to you Mom's travel loan was paid and Mahomed's scan in Senegal was covered. There were complications after the accident and a massive throat infection developed. The little guy is now making good progress - the throat infection is cured and three more visits to the doctor should complete the treatment.

We are asking if you might be able to help with the follow-up care costs of \$960. There is enough in the Non-tax receipted refugee funds a/c to front this. I have \$100 in pledges for Mahomed's follow-up treatment and I am polling the Refugee Support Group for permission to front the \$960 while fundraising continues. Thanks for thinking about this.

If you have questions please talk to Fran McArthur or Chris Eve.

LET JUSTICE ROLL! - The summer edition of "Let Justice Roll!" is now ready. This occasional newsletter is a project of the Social Justice and Action Group (SJAG) at St. John the Divine. In our third issue, we follow-up on our recent First Nations series: "Walking Together" - and look at reconciliation from a number of perspectives. The newsletter also includes a feature article about our own faithful social justice congregant, Marcia Williams! "Let Justice Roll!" can be picked up by interested members of the parish at either entrance to the Church, and at Sunday coffee-hour. We hope you will add "Let Justice Roll!" to your summer reading! Your feedback is also welcomed.




SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“What we want are unpractical people who see beyond the moment, and think beyond the day. Those who try to lead the people can only do so by following the mob. It is through the voice of one crying in the wilderness that the ways of the gods must be prepared.”

Oscar Wilde



[On refusing to be silenced:] I do not pretend to be John the Baptist rebuking the Pharisees. I do not claim to be Nathan upbraiding David. I aspire only to be Balaam's ass, castigating his master.

Katharina Zell

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