

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 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 on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Preacher: The Reverend Bill Tarter, OSF

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 Bill Tarter, OSF

Readers: Virginia Miller, Tom Bailey

Intercessor: Pat Ormerod

Verger: Rand Harrison

Audio: Bob McIntosh

Music: Annalysa Tylor, cantor

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 380)

HANOVER

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 recognize your love
in the actions of friend or stranger
forgive us.**

**Where we have failed to recognize 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.**

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.

Sustainer of the hungry,
like a mother you feed your children
until each is satisfied.
Turn our eyes to you alone,
so that, aware of our own deepest longings,
we reach out with Christ
to feed others with the depth of your love.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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The Lord is the re - fuge of the poor.

The Refrain is sung first by the cantor, then by all.

The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness; there is no one that does good. The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth, to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God. **Refrain, sung by all.**

But every one has turned back; all alike have become corrupt: there is none that does good; no not one. Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as if they ate bread and do not call upon the Lord? **Refrain, sung by all.**

There shall they be in great fear; for God is in the company of the righteous. Though they would confound the counsel of the poor, yet the Lord shall be their refuge.

Refrain, sung by all.

O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. **Refrain, sung by all.**

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

*Before the Gospel**The Alleluias are sung first by the cantor, then by all:**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 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 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 399)

NUN DANKET

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**All: Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
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

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



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

O God,
All: we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through 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 (CP 565)

CWM RHONDDA

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 AUGUST 5 – THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a With the use of parable, Nathan confronts David with his own sin.

Psalms 51:1-13 Knowing his shortcomings, the psalmist asks for mercy and restoration of a right relationship with God.

Ephesians 4:1-16 Christians are to live in unity, with individual gifts used for the strength, maturity and unity of all in Christ.

John 6:24-35 Jesus is a new kind of manna that relieves hunger and thirst for all time.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Chapel

In memory of my parents, John and Doris Erickson, from Diane.



This Week at St. John's

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday
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Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
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Wednesday, August 1

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 2

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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Friday 3

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Sunday 5

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!

Diviners' Walk – Friday, August 3rd – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Gorge Road** – Meet at Bill and Karen's home. **Pub:** Home of Bill Samis and Karen Strawn Samis.

Please contact Larry Scyner at 250-361-4652 if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.

A Celebration – August 12th – You are invited to join us in the Denson Lounge following the 10:00 am service, as we give thanks for 60 years of marriage; for the life of our daughter, Sally; and for the love and friendship of this community. *Pat and Alan Ormerod*

Flower Dedications - Because of our declining numbers and the fact that we are all getting older, the Chancel Guild in discussions with Alastair **will not be preparing an arrangement for the Chapel after September 23, 2018**. We will continue to prepare an arrangement for the Main Altar each Sunday except during Lent, and we will have the usual four dedications of two Mains, one Lectern and one Chapel on festive Sundays i.e. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. As well we will continue to order poinsettias and lilies for dedication at Christmas and Easter. Thank you, Susan Powell.

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 July is Threshold Housing.

Threshold Housing Society was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Anglican parishioners to address the transitional housing needs of youth aged between 16 and 21 years who are at risk of homelessness. The Society provides supportive programming in the several homes it owns, and an initiative that helps youth who rent private rooms or suites. Threshold Housing Society was incorporated as a charitable society under the BC Societies Act in March 1990.

Where is St. John's going? What do we care most about?

If you have thoughts about these questions (and even some answers!) you will have a chance to express them over the next several weeks.

Vestry asked for a strategic plan to be ready for 2019. Please pick up a package and use as much of it as you choose to give your thoughts and ideas. You could:

- complete the Checklist of Existing Parish Activities – so we can know what is working now, or
- use the forms based on the Parish Vision Statement – Faith in Action, Faith in Formation, or Faith in Foundation, or
- just write down on a sheet of paper what you think in free form, or
- you could do all of these or just one of them.

Please either drop off your submission to the office, or you could send it by email to strategy@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Please be sure to sign the Privacy Statement and Consent Form so your thoughts and ideas can be shared.

GVAT is launching its "listening process" among groups in the congregation at the same time. This is a facilitated conversation lasting about an hour, intended to find out what members are passionate about, and what they would want to invest time in. So it will also help the group give input to the Strategic Plan by answering "what do we want to be doing in 5 years?"

And if you don't belong to any groups within the parish - your voice is important too. GVAT will be providing opportunities for you to be heard in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Peggy Wilmot (GVAT) or Chris Eve (Strategic Plan)

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“God wills our liberation, our exodus from Egypt. God wills our reconciliation, our return from exile. God wills our enlightenment, our seeing. God wills our forgiveness, our release from sin and guilt. God wills that we see ourselves as God’s beloved. God wills our resurrection, our passage from death to life. God wills for us food and drink that satisfy our hunger and thirst. God wills, comprehensively, our well-being—not just my well-being as an individual but the well-being of all of us and of the whole of creation. In short, God wills our salvation, our healing, here on earth. The Christian life is about participating in the salvation of God.”

—**Marcus J. Borg**, *The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith*

FRAGMENTS

(John 6: 1-21)

Fragmentary our faith at times
and fragmentary our commitment;
fragmentary our hope at times
and fragmentary our prayers;
fragmentary our love at times
and fragmentary our sacrifice;
fragmentary our vision at times
and fragmented our lives.

Yet put into service for you, Lord,
nothing fragmentary is lost
and possibility abounds:

possibilities of faith
possibilities of commitment
possibilities of hope
possibilities of prayer
possibilities of love
possibilities of sacrifice
possibilities of vision
and possibilities of life.

Gather us up, possibility-making Lord.
Gather up all our fragments.

Let the abundance of all we can be
overflow.

Andrew King, *A Poetic Kind of Place*

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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