

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

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

Gospel Reader: Chris Eve

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Readers: Iris Elsdon, Judith Branion

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Vergger: Douwe Bosma

Audio: Al Lehmann

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 3)

BUNESSAN

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.

Please repeat "Lord, have mercy" or "Christ, have mercy".

The Presider 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.

Compassionate God,
you touch those rejected by the world
and those despised by false piety:
Guide us away from a false purity
which hides misshapen hearts;
and lead us to the joyful feast
in which all are renewed;
through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's faith.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

45:1-2, 7-10

My heart is astir with gracious words; as I made my song for the king, my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

You are the fairest of men; full of grace are your lips, for God has blest you for ever.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia; from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad. Kings' daughters are among your honourable women; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear; forget your own people and your father's house.

THE EPISTLE

James 1:17-27

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 439)

FRANCONIA

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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 (CP601)

BLAENWERN

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and grace,

All: **the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BAS #4

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____

Heav - en and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -
Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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 (CP 747)

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on - us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your 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

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 467)

SONG 34

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.



7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

Officiant: The Reverend Bill Tarter, OSF

Music: Quartet of Choristers of St. John

Setting of the Canticles: The Short Service (Orlando Gibbons)

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 (CP345)

GWALCHMAI

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

Psalm 119.1-16

FIRST LESSON *(Please sit)*

Exodus 12.21-27

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)*

Matthew 4.23-5.20

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

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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)*

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

HYMN (CP 601)

SLANE

VOLUNTARY

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 9 – THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Selected verses express caution toward riches and sympathy for the poor.

Psalms 125 An upright life is commended as exemplary.

James 2:1-17 Christians are challenged to live up to their beliefs.

Mark 7:24-37 Jesus performs healings in Gentile territory.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

In memory of Altaire, loving daughter, sister, wife and mother, from her parents, Ted and Vorna Butler.

Chapel

The flowers are given in memory of and thanksgiving for the life and sacrifice of Sgt. Robert Hugh Ashwell, RAF, “missing and presumed dead”, August 28, 1942.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today, September 2

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| 11:45 am | Sunday Reflections | Denson Lounge |
| 7:30 pm | Evensong | Church |

Monday 3

The Office is Closed for Labour Day.

Wednesday 5

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| 7:45 am | Holy Communion followed by Breakfast | Chapel/Denson Lounge |
| 9:30 am | Sermon Circle | Denson Lounge |
| 1:30 pm | Art and Soul Group | Crypt |

Thursday 6

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| 12:10 pm | Meditative Eucharist | Chapel |
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Friday 7

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| 10:00 am | Food Bank | Crypt |
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Saturday 8

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| 10:00 am | Safe Church Workshop | Denson Lounge |
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Sunday 9

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion | Chapel |
| 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | Church |
| 11:30 am | Welcome Back BBQ | Church Garden |

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, September 7th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Panama Flats** – Meet at Hyacinth Park on Marigold Avenue. Pub: Crooked Goose, 4136 Wilkinson Road, 250-590-4556. Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.



Welcome Back - Next Sunday, Sept. 9th we commence our Fall Program with a welcome back during the 10:00 am service, a chance to re-connect after the summer holidays followed by a **BBQ in the garden** for the whole parish family (**bring a salad or dessert to share**; drinks and grilled foods will be provided; donations welcome on the day).

Prayer in the Style of Taizé returns this fall on the 3rd Friday of each month (September 21st, October 15th and November 16th) at 6:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. *“The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us.”* Please join us for this hour of spirit-filled worship.

Our friends at **St. Matthias Anglican Church**, Richmond and Richardson, are opening an art gallery this month. The **Chapel Gallery's debut show** is Sea Forms, mixed media collages by Jill Ehlert. The show runs from Sept. 21st to Oct. 31st, with an official launch from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 21st, and a talk by the artist. Hours: Saturdays and Mondays, 10 am to 2 pm; Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 am.

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.

St. John's Court Society Notice of Special General Meeting

The Court Society has been asked to make certain amendments to its Constitution and Bylaws to confirm with BC Housing Policies and to facilitate funding of a major renovation project at the Court. The meeting will be held in the hall immediately following the Service on Sun., Sept. 9th.

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.

Choral music returns this week when a quartet of Choral Scholars sing Choral Evensong at 7:30pm. Our two full choirs return in the following weeks of September. **DO YOU WISH TO SING OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?** Both the Choristers and the Community Choir have space for more singers! There are details regarding rehearsal times, schedules, and expectations on the website (find the Music page under 'Ministries'). If you are interested, or have someone to recommend, send me an email (music@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) or see me after the service for more information or to set up an informal audition.

David Stratkauskas

The September Special Monthly Envelope is for The Food Bank at St. John's & The Alliance Club

The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

The Alliance Club is a drop-in centre for youth on the street. Volunteers from St. John's and the larger community purchase supplies and cook several large casseroles monthly for the Alliance Club.

Synod Delegates from parishes up island are looking for billets while the upcoming Synod is being held at the Songhees Wellness Centre in Esquimalt, Sept. 28th-30th. If you are able to assist, please contact Carol-Ann at the church office 250-383-7169 ext. 226.

In an effort to keep the church looking tidy, the pillows that are used by parishioners (for sitting on or for back support) at various times are now kept in a bin behind the font. Everyone is welcome to continue to use them, but we would appreciate it if they were returned neatly to the bin at the end of each service.

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)



Victoria Baroque 2018-19 Season Subscriptions available now!

Pick up your season brochure at the entrances or office at St. John's.
Filled subscription forms can be dropped off at St. John's office.

The Season of five beautiful concerts here at St John's
starts Friday, September 14th, with Bach's dazzling Double Violin Concerto.

More info: victoria-baroque.com; victoria-baroque@shaw.ca; 250 590 9770

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

"To live in sync with who we truly are means to recognize that we are dependent on God for our very breath and are graced with many good things; it means to be grateful to the giver and attentive to the purpose for which the gifts are given."

Miroslav Volf, Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace

"If the gospel isn't good news for everybody, then it isn't good news for anybody. And this is because the most powerful things happen when the church surrenders its desire to convert people and convince them to join. It is when the church gives itself away in radical acts of service and compassion, expecting nothing in return, that the way of Jesus is most vividly put on display."

Rob Bell (2006). "Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith"

Invitation from Island Health – Tues. 4 Sept. @ 8 am

Dr. James Sacamano will offer a Grand Rounds presentation on Spirituality and Health on September 4, 8:00 am, in the auditorium on the south side of Victoria Mental Health (Eric Martin Pavillion), 2328 Trent St, Victoria. All are invited. Topics to be covered include in brief a view of the history of spirituality and health, some current findings from studies of this interaction, and an introduction to a new group called Heart Moment that incorporates some aspects of non-sectarian spirituality.

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