

# **THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

***Thanksgiving Sunday***

***October 7, 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.

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**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**

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*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

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

**Presider:** The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

**Gospel Reader:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Readers:** Iris Elsdon, Muriel Ryan

**Intercessor:** Pat Ormerod

**Vergger:** Chuck Neilson

**Audio:** John McLaren

**Music:** The Community Choir, The Sutton Organ Scholar

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## **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 262)

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

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.**

## **CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER**

*After the prayer the children leave for Church School.*

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.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS**

*The Presider may introduce the prayers.*

Eternal God, maker of the skies above,  
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,

Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,  
soul behind all souls,  
in everything we touch, in everyone we meet,  
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

**All: But when we have not touched  
but trampled you in creation,  
when we have not met but missed you in one another,  
when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,  
forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry  
and seek to renew their lives: your sins are forgiven.  
Go in peace; come and follow me.

**All: Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven  
people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth  
cries Glory! Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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



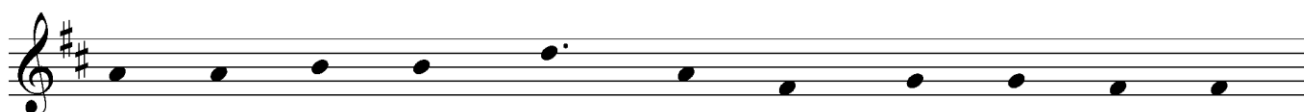
sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,



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.*

Creator of the fruitful earth,  
you made us stewards of all things.  
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,  
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,  
that the whole human family,  
today and in generations to come,  
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

65:9-14



**You crown the year with your good - ness, O Lord.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. **Refrain**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. **Refrain**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. **Refrain**

### THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

*Before the Gospel*

*The Alleluia is introduced first by the Deacon or Cantor, then sung by all:*



*The verse is then sung by the cantor, and the Alleluia is sung once more, full:*



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.*

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 258)

WIR PFLUGEN


### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

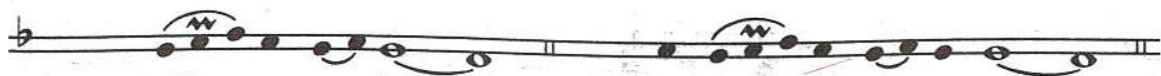
Source of all life,  
the heaven and earth are yours,  
yet you have give us dominion over all things.  
Receive the symbols of our labour and love  
which we offer you this day,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

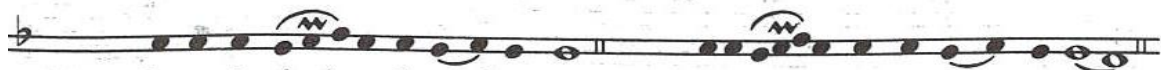
**All: Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*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.

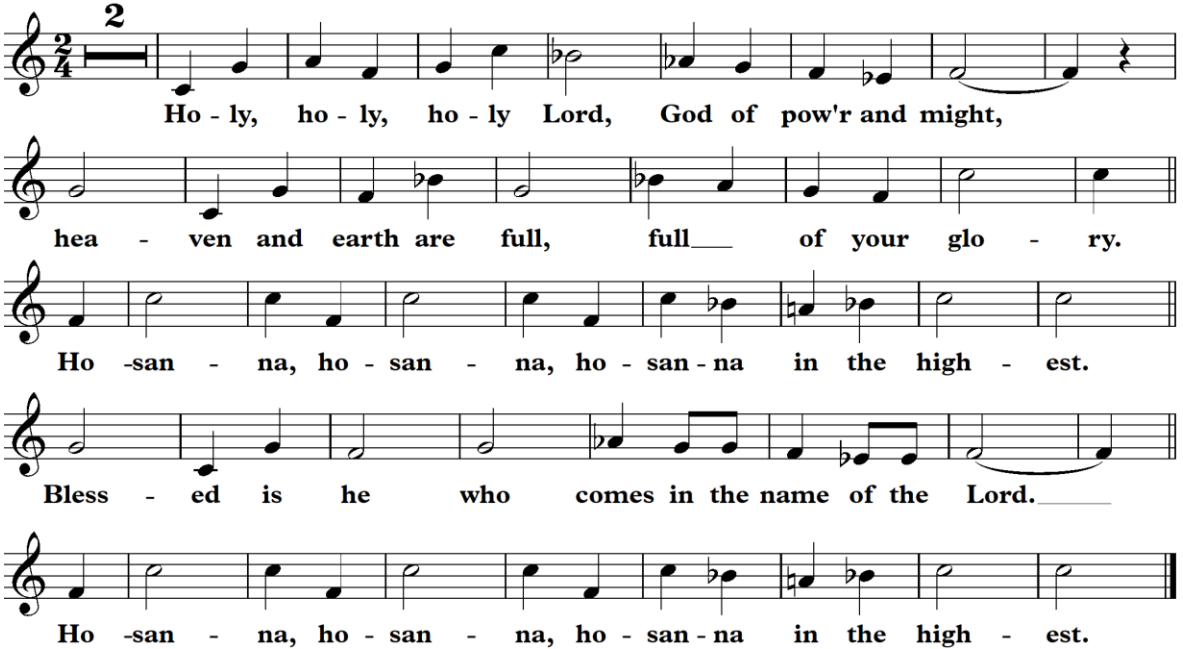
In the fullness of time you send your Son,  
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.  
He was wounded for our transgressions,  
and bruised for our iniquities.  
By his death he opened to us  
the way of freedom and peace.

**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

*All:*



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.

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.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**All: So may our Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

## THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## AGNUS DEI



*All are invited to receive communion at the side chapel, at the altar rail, or at the back of the church. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.*

*If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.*

*Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.*

### **Ministry of Healing**

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

### **ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION**

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight 'till by turning, turning we come round right.

Shaker hymn, adapted by Aaron Copland (1900-1990) and transcribed for chorus by Irving Fine (1914-1962).

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## **THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of our hope,  
**All: in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.**  
**Nourished in these holy mysteries**  
**may we, with our lives,**  
**give you continual thanks and praise.**  
**This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**VOLUNTARY** Toccata in F

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*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.*

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## 7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

**Officiant:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley, The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine; The MacRae Choral Scholars; The Sutton Organ Scholar

**Setting of the Canticles:** Stanford in C major

**Lectionary:** Church of England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

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

### **RESPONSES** *(Please stand)*

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

*Cantor:* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir:* The Lord's name be praised.

### **OFFICE HYMN** (CP 429)

DIX

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

Psalm 126

**FIRST LESSON** *(Please sit)*

Joel 2:21-27

**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 6:25-33

**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**

O LORD, we pray thee, sow the seed of thy word in our hearts, and send down upon us the showers of thy grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, and at the great day of harvest may be gathered by the holy angels into the heavenly garner; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Text: Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100), Book of Common Prayer. Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

**PRAYERS** *(Please kneel or sit)*

**BLESSING** *(Please stand)*

**HYMN** (CP 399)

NUN DANKET ALLE

**VOLUNTARY** Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfried Karg-Elert

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## **READINGS FOR OCTOBER 14 – THE 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Job 23:1-9, 16, 17** Job complains bitterly against an elusive, terrifying God.

**Psalms 22:1-15** A desperate cry goes out to God for help.

**Hebrews 4:12-16** God honours our honesty and reliance on grace through Christ.

**Mark 10:17-31** Jesus offers firm instruction about wealth, discipleship, and generosity.

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## **FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

### **Main 1**

In memory of my parents Steven and Rosy Chan and my sisters Benita and Caroline, from Adrienne Chan.

### **Main 2**

In memory, gratitude and love for my mother Sarah and my sister Megan, from Mary Alford.

### **Lectern**

In thanksgiving for our wedding anniversary, from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.

### **Chapel**

In great thanksgiving for the years with our beloved Barry and Susan, from Barbara & Timothy Jenks.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Today

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

### Monday 8

The office is closed for Thanksgiving.

### Tuesday 9

2:00 pm	ACW Meeting	Denson Lounge
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### Wednesday 10

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art and Soul Group	Crypt
7:00 pm	The "Faith in Justice" Study Series Speaker: Bernie Pauly	Denson Lounge

### Thursday 11

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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### Friday 12

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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### Saturday 13

6:00 pm	Breaking Bread	Denson Lounge
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### Sunday 14

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



### **EVENSONG, Tonight at 7:30 pm**

*An Evensong for Thanksgiving Sunday*

Choral evening prayer, with music by Charles Stanford (the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C) and Benjamin Britten (O be joyful (Jubilate Deo)).

Sung by the Choristers of St. John the Divine.

## EVENTS

**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!

Spiritual Director Sherri Koster will be at St. John's this Tues., Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and Wed., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to book an appointment please contact Sherri directly at [sherrickoster@gmail.com](mailto:sherrickoster@gmail.com).

Come and revive your **Art & Soul** at the art and spirituality group held in the basement space at St. John the Divine every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm. Art experience is not necessary! We ask for a *voluntary* donation of \$4.00 per session to provide supplies for those in need. Any questions - please contact Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe.

**Diviners' Walk – Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – meeting time is 5:30 pm** (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Quick's Bottom – Joe's Trail** – Meet 100 metres north of Vanalman on Glanford. Pub: Home of Bill Samis & Karen Strawn Samis.

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

The Downtown Service Providers will be hosting **PROJECT CONNECT**, a day of hope now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, on **Tues., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>**, as a part of Homeless Action Week. The event will be at Central Baptist Church, 833 Pandora Avenue.

We are in need of warm clothing, socks, underwear, scarves, toques, backpacks, bus tickets, notebooks and paper, Tim Horton's gift cards, band aids, Polysporin, razors, rain jackets and handheld USB chargers.

**Donation Drop-Off times** at Anawim House at 973 Caledonia will be:

- Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-7:00
- Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-5:00
- Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30-7:00
- Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-2:30

All financial donation cheques should be made out to The Our Place Society with "Project Connect" in the memo line.

The St. John the Divine Social Justice and Action Group  
presents

**The “Faith in Justice” Study Series**

With guest speakers and facilitators on issues of social justice and action and the challenges they present to faith communities.

**Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Church**

**Bernie Pauly: “Responding to Homelessness: Do Our Actions Match Our Words?”**

Dr. Pauly is a Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Victoria and a Scientist in the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research. She is a UVIC Provost Community Engaged Scholar and is recognized as an Honorary Citizen of Victoria and a Community-University leader. Her scholarship and work focus on promotion of health equity in health systems and public health approaches to homelessness and substance use.

**Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Church**

**Joel Durkovic: “Moving Toward and Through Conflict: Some of the Nitty Gritty”**

Joel Durkovic is a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist and Director of Arbour Counselling Centre in Victoria. He has been a professional counsellor for over 20 years working with couples and families to engage and process through conflict toward wholeness. Joel has lived and worked in Guatemala, the United States, and for the last 15 years, in Victoria. He is a member of St. John’s Parish.

**All are welcome.** To help us with planning these sessions please let Carol-Ann know if you plan to attend one or both of these sessions.

**AWAKENING HEART; Living from and for the Whole - Matthew Wright Public Event**

Mon., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> : doors at 6:30pm; talk at 6:45pm, UVic interfaith Chapel, Parking Lot #6

Entry by donation.

Too often our culture teaches us to value the individual above all else. But the eye of the heart sees from the Whole, finding the individual's place in relation to the Wholeness of things. How do our lives fit within the larger Life to which we belong? How do we live with balance and compassion? Come and learn from the Christian and Sufi mystical traditions as we explore how to live from the heart, engaging in teaching, chant, and contemplative practice

Sponsored by The Contemplative Society, UVic Multifaith Services, The United Church Campus Ministry and the Anglican Diocese of BC.

**Tickets for the October 21<sup>st</sup> Divine Brunch** are now on sale at coffee hour today & through the front office during the week. The cut-off for tickets will be Wed., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00

**Menu:** Salmon Quiche / Green Salad  
Devilled Ham on a Croissant / Green Salad  
Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-free / Salad

## Save the Date

St. John's and the Cathedral are planning a joint "Jazz and Wine Fest" for **Sat., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7 - 10 pm** in the hall. Mark your calendars for this first joint venture for our congregations. Details to follow.

## Icon Writing Workshop with Peter Pearson, Nov. 14-17, 2018

Each workshop participant will receive easy- to-follow, step-by-step instructions, and all materials necessary to complete an icon. Every session begins and ends with prayer and includes plenty of time for hands-on icon writing. The icon this year is based on the Russian Icon of the Angel with the Golden Hair. A teacher of iconography for 25 years, Peter Pearson has studied with numerous masters. Over 45 years, he has created hundreds of icons for private collectors, churches and institutions around the world. Workshop hours: Wed – Fri 7pm – 9:30pm, Sat. 9:30am – 4:30pm. Dates: Nov. 14 – 17. Cost: \$425.00. The workshop will be held in the Crypt (Church basement). Deadline for registering is Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The bazaar is coming! Don't bury your talents or hide them under a bushel. Do contribute your talents to the bazaar gift offerings. Knitting is always welcome, especially children's hats and mitts; adult hats and scarves and knitted toys.

Contact Wendy London  
or Heather Baker ([hbaker@islandnet.com](mailto:hbaker@islandnet.com))  
to let them know what you plan to contribute.

Bazaar items can be brought on Sunday after church. Wendy and Heather will be at the coffee hour to receive them.

## Announcements

**A Prayer Group** prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: [patriciacmanning@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

### **The October Special Monthly Envelope is Out of the Rain.**

The Out of the Rain Youth Night Shelter is a community project, providing shelter to homeless youth during the coldest months of the year. A coalition of community agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers work together to provide space, professional support, and food for the shelter. The shelter rotates among host sites in the community. Out of the Rain volunteers support staff as helpers or cook hot meals. St. John's host the youth one night a week with an evening meal and breakfast, and we provide space for two other nights per week, in addition we usually donate approximately \$5000.00 per year.

### **Out of the Rain News:**

Our night shelter for homeless street kids **opens for the season on Mon., Oct.15<sup>th</sup>**. We provide space in our Crypt for up to 30 youths on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Youth outreach workers stay the night supervising and giving help where needed. Our many volunteers take turns bringing a hot supper or something for breakfast. Others supply cookies, fruit or bread. We have a donation bin in the hallway near the Lounge and would greatly appreciate your donations of hot chocolate (the kind you mix with water), herbal tea in individual packs, peanut butter, ketchup, hot sauce, granola bars, warm socks, Kleenex packs, and chap sticks. We have been keeping homeless kids safe and warm during the cold winter weather over the past 20 years, thanks to your love and passion for those in need. We thank you for helping to keep this outreach alive!

**Let Justice Roll!** - The fall edition of "Let Justice Roll!" is now available. This occasional newsletter is a project of the Social Justice and Action Group (SJAG) of the Church of St. John the Divine. In our fourth issue, we have a feature article about one of our parish members, Judy Tethong, and her lifelong work on behalf of Tibet. We also present articles covering such diverse topics as -- Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT), Christian Civil Disobedience, Hope in the Middle East, Forgiveness in South Africa, Decolonization in Canada, and the Extraordinary Witness of Mr. Rogers. "Let Justice Roll!" is only available in print/paper copy. Members of the parish can pick up the newsletter at either entrance to the Church, and at Sunday coffee-hour. Thank you for adding "Let Justice Roll!" to your fall reading!

The **2019 Church Calendars** have arrived and are available for sale at the Church office. Cost \$5.

## **CHAPEL UPDATE AND REPLACEMENT DOOR PROJECT - Fall 2018**

The Chapel renovation is now completed. Big thanks to all of those who contributed in many different ways to the success of this project.

The replacement of the existing doors has begun as a separate project. This includes replacing the doors as well as local Indigenous art in the arch above the door that will extend on to the door itself. This will be an outward sign of our commitment to inclusion and further dialogue with others within our wider community and recognition of our recent sessions on “Reconciliation and Walking Together”.

In order to achieve this goal, submissions have gone to our local diocese “Visioning Fund” and to the Anglican Foundation of Canada for funding support.

We are pleased to inform you we have received \$10,000.00 from the Visioning Fund and \$5,000.00 from the Anglican Foundation of Canada. Receipt of these funds is dependent on this project proceeding to completion. Reporting on the progress to these two funds is required as work proceeds. Approximately \$6000.00 in additional funding is still required. If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact Carol Ann in the office. No amount is too small and all donations will receive a tax receipt.

When completed, it is our intention to have a wonderful opening celebration of inclusion to recognize the artist as well as celebrate our ongoing collaboration with our local Indigenous neighbours and others within our community.

If you have any questions please contact the Rector, The Ven.. Alastair McCollum, The Rev. Patrick Sibley or Rhoda Brodie-Smith.



# SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“The true God gives so we can become joyful givers and not just self-absorbed receivers.”

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

“Grace—gifts given without being earned and with no expectation of return—”

*Diana Butler Bass (Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks)*

“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)*

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## When Giving Is All We Have

*One river gives  
Its journey to the next.*

We give because someone gave to us.

We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us.

We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,  
We have been wounded by it—

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,  
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,  
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,  
Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.  
Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you  
What I had to give—together, we made,

Something greater from the difference.

*Alberto Ríos, 1952*

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