

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The Reign of Christ

November 25, 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.



Christ Monogram with Alpha and Omega (Early Christian, Sousse, Tunisia)
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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. Gluten free wafers are available: 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 Canon Kevin Arndt

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Readers: Iris Elsdon, Doug Henderson

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Vergers: Douwe Bosma

Audio: Doug Adderley

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

The Mass Setting: Messe Solennelle, Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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 349)

OLD HUNDREDTH

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion 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 continue their worship in the Parish House.

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

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

Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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

All: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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

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.

You who are, who were, who are to come,
before whose judgement all that is not love fades away:
save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts,
so that we may hear a different voice
and belong to you in truth;
through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE (*Sung by the choir*)

Jubilate Deo

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

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (USA 585)

SONG 13

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Before the Gospel

Cantor: All:

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon or Cantor: You Christ are the King of glory : the eternal Son of the Father.

All:

Al - le - lu - ia.

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 48)

PICARDY

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

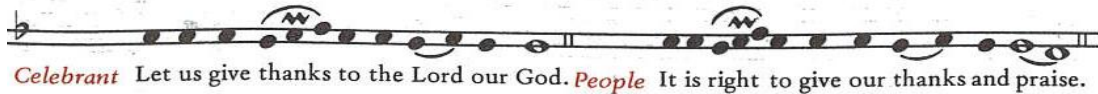
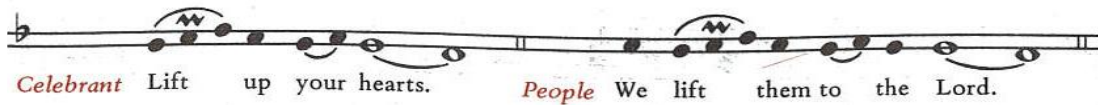
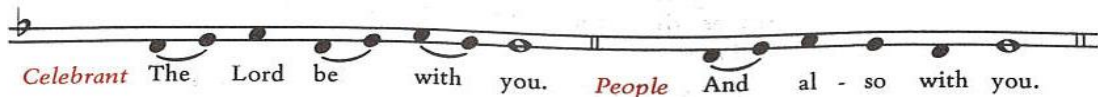
Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Book of Alternatives Services, Prayer 3



Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
You exalted him as Lord of all creation
that he might present to you
an eternal and universal kingdom:
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.
Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS *(sung by the choir)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.*

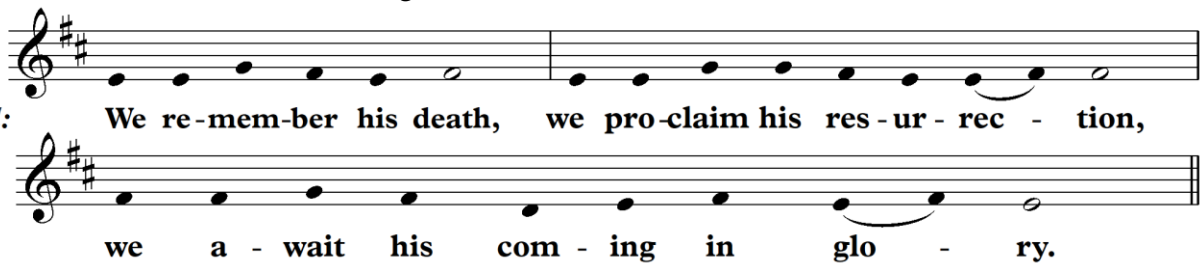
We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin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

In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



All: We re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion,
we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

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

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

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

All: 

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 *(sung by the choir)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
 dona eis requiem. *grant them rest.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
 dona eis requiem sempiternam. *grant them eternal rest.*

All are invited to receive communion. 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.

COMMUNION MOTET

O bone Jesu, miserere nostri/nobis, quia tu creasti nos, tu redemisti nos sanguine tuo pretiosissimo.

O good Jesus, have mercy upon us, for thou hast created us, thou hast redeemed us by thy most precious blood.

Text: Traditional Latin hymn. Music: Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

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)

All: We are all people of God
In the heart of Victoria we celebrate Christ
All: In joyful worship!
We celebrate Christ
All: By including everyone!
We celebrate Christ
All: By putting faith into action!

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 116)

IRISH

VOLUNTARY Dorian Toccata

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2 – THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16 The prophet looks to a future time when Israel will be ruled by the justice and righteousness of God. **Psalms 25:1-9** The Lord is the source of our salvation; we are to walk in God's ways. **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** Paul gives thanks to the Christians at Thessalonica for their faithfulness and prays that they continue to prepare themselves for Christ's coming. **Luke 21:25-36** Jesus warns his followers to observe the signs of the times, and to be prepared.

FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God in memory and honour of our beloved mother and mother-in-law, Carole Hardin, taken from us too soon and greatly missed, from Daryl Hardin and Mark Hanson.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 26

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

2:00 pm Book Study Chapel

Wednesday 28

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 29

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

1:00 pm Chancel Guild Meeting Denson Lounge

Friday 30

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Saturday, December 1

10:00 am Advent Quiet Day with Bill Tarter Denson Lounge

Sunday 2 – 1st of Advent

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

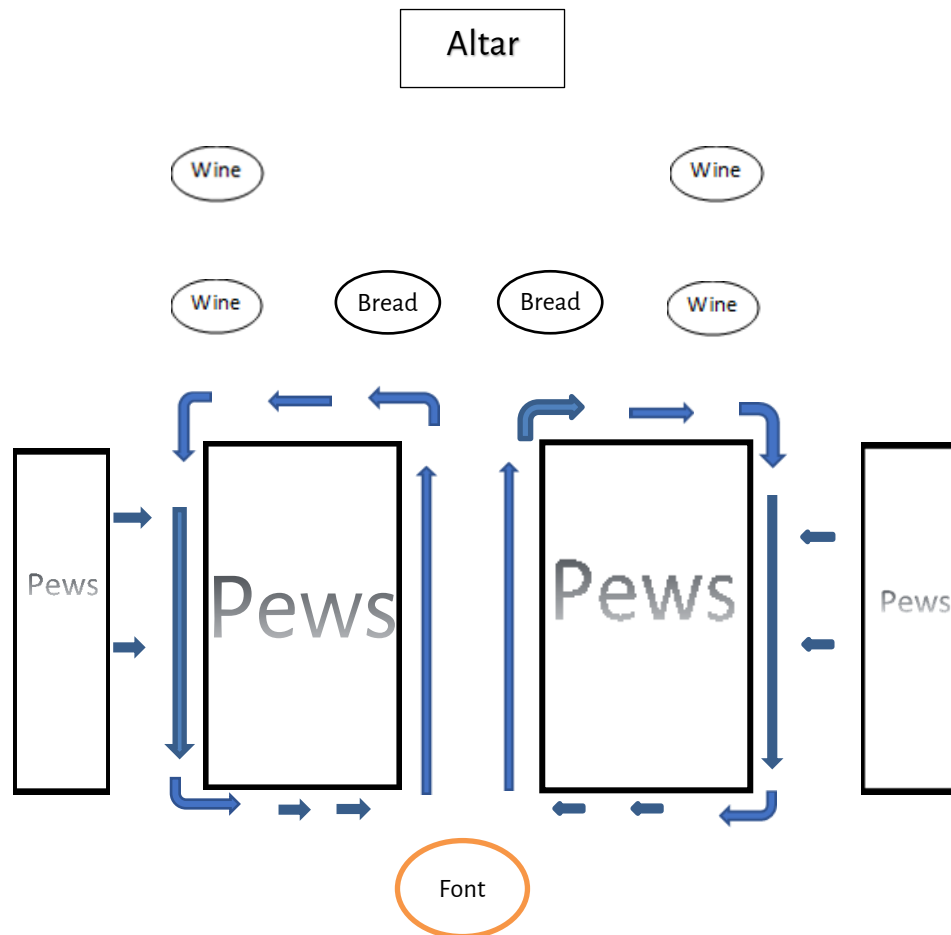
10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

7:30 pm Advent Procession Church

SHARING IN COMMUNION

We are trialling a new way of distributing our communion. A number of people – both newcomers/visitors and those of us who have been a part of the community for some while – have commented on how confusing, and frankly unwelcoming, our current way of sharing bread and wine is. Therefore, in an effort to make for ourselves a welcoming, accessible, straightforward space, we are going to be sharing communion in one place – at the front of the church – at two stations. Please take bread from the Eucharistic Minister standing on your side, then move to the next available chalice of the two which will be at each station. We ask those in the side aisles to go to the back of the church and then to the front to receive.



Gluten free wafers will be available at both stations.

Those with limited mobility please indicate your desire to take communion in your seat and a minister will come to you.

As always, all are welcome to take part in our sharing. Thank you for being a part of our community!

EVENTS

The Journey of Healing

During this month of November, we will be considering the shared journey of healing that all of us find ourselves on by virtue of our following Christ.

Our Sunday Sermons for the month have followed the readings for the week, and the appropriate Festivals, but there will be – as Grant said in a recent sermon – a thread of thinking about and engaging with the meaning of ‘healing’ woven throughout the month.

Healing is both the heart and foundation of our faith, it is the work which Christ came to do, and which we believe Christ continues to do in our lives as we are open to the creative, dynamic, healing, gracious Spirit of God.



November 25th – The Reign of Christ – *A Kingdom of Shalom*

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.

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

Next meeting: **Wed., Nov. 28th @ 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.*

Panel of Feminist Activists and Scholars (Anglican, Catholic & United) Explores #ME TOO and the Church! **“Gender, Justice and the Church”**, Thurs., Nov. 29th, at 5-6:20 pm at UVIC- MacLaurin Building Room A144. See bulletin boards for more information.



“THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER” - Poinsettias are now available to make our church look even more beautiful at Christmas. Please consider making a dedication. Cost: \$13 per plant, **deadline to order is Fri., Nov. 30th**. Contact Carol-Ann in the church office (carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca or 250-383-7169 ext. 226) to order a poinsettia and give a dedication.



The FOCUS program offers residents of Southern Vancouver Island short, seminary-quality courses that enlarge the participants' understanding of the historical, literary, and critical frameworks of the Christian faith.

**Myth, Mystery, and More:
Reflections on the Stories of Advent**

Course is limited to 20 students. It runs for four Thursday evenings, beginning November 29, 2018, at two churches in the Western Communities, St. Mary's (Dec 6, 20) and Church of the Advent (Nov 29, Dec 13). Sessions include a light soup supper. Course Fee: \$60. To register, visit FocusVictoria.com.

Incarnational Theology. A survey of the significance of the incarnation in the developing theology of the church.

Instructor: Archdeacon Alastair McCollum. *Time:* Thur, Nov 29, 6:00pm-8:30pm. *Place:* Church of the Advent, Colwood, 510 Mt View Ave.

The Birth Narrative in the Gospel of Matthew. In the birth stories in Matthew, the focus is largely on Joseph. Jesus is welcomed by foreign kings. A close and critical look at the text of Matthew and its later interpretation. *Instructor:* Canon Philip Wadham *Time:* Thur, Dec 6, 6:00pm-8:30pm. *Place:* St. Mary's, Metchosin, 4125 Metchosin Road.

The Birth Narrative in the Gospel of Luke. In the birth stories in Luke, Mary is an important figure and the Holy Family are Galileans who travel to Bethlehem. A close and critical look at the text of Luke and its later interpretation. *Instructor:* Rev. John Gram *Time:* Thur, Dec 13, 6:00pm-8:30pm. *Place:* Church of the Advent, Colwood, 510 Mt View Ave.

St. Francis and the Emergence of the Modern Christmas Story. The historical celebration of Advent in the Christian Church has been driven by several powerful metaphors. A look at some of the highlights of the development of these metaphors. *Instructors:* Rev Aneeta Saroop, Rev. Bill Tartar. *Time:* Thur, Dec 20, , 6:00pm-8:30pm. *Place:* St. Mary's, Metchosin, 4125 Metchosin Road.

Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, December 1st, 10:00 am -4:00 pm.

A reflection on the story of Jesus. We will have an overview of the gospels and how they were developed. We will also reflect on our own stories of God in our lives. Our day will end in the celebration of Eucharist. Please bring a bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be supplied. The facilitator is The Rev. Bill Tarter, OSF.

Please sign up on the sheet available at the garden door or at the church office.

The Reverend Dr. Cheri DiNovo is a former MPP for Ontario, now a minister, writer, and speaker. She has been a tireless activist for inclusion, for LGBTQ2SI rights, and gender diversity. She is coming to Victoria as part of the John Albert Hall lectures on Gender, Diversity, and the Church and will be our **guest preacher next Sunday at 10am.**

Advent Procession



Sunday, December 2 – 7:30 p.m.

*A moving sequence of readings, hymns, anthems, and motets
exploring the themes of Advent.*

Choral music by Rachmaninoff, Michael Finnissy, Robert Ramsey,
M. Praetorius, and others,
sung by the Choristers of St. John the Divine.

Invitation:

Thurs., Dec. 6th is a National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women. This event remembers the 1989 murder of 14 young women students at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. Please join a multi faith candle light vigil for the Greater Victoria area. Program begins at 5:00 pm and refreshments will be available after the service. First Met United Church, corner of Balmoral and Quadra St. All are welcome.



THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Don't forget, only 2 weeks until the Christmas Bazaar. This is a final call for bazaar items. Bring your gift-quality items to the Church Hall after the service or to the Church: Tues. Dec. 4, Wed. Dec. 5, and Fri. Dec. 7 anytime between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and Thurs. Dec. 6, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

A sign-up sheet for people to volunteer to help with the Bazaar for set-up during the week or to assist on the day is at the Garden Door.

Help make the Bazaar a huge success. It is a fundraiser for St. John's. Contact Heather Baker (hbaker@islandnet.com) to let her know how you can help.

Note: The sign-up sheet for volunteers is by the garden door and will also be at coffee in the hall after the service. Please sign up for the days and times you can help set up for the bazaar and the hours you can help on the day of this important event.

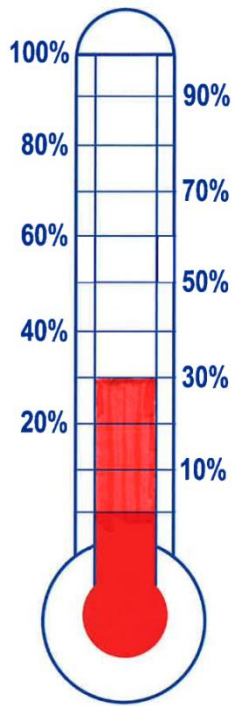
Announcements

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.

It's time to start thinking of sending some love in the mail.

The **PWRDF CHRISTMAS CARDS** have arrived. This year there are 10 styles to choose from. As in past years, PWRDF will issue a tax receipt for each donation of \$20 per packet of 12 cards. Today will be the last Sunday the cards are available at coffee hour, from now on please see Carol-Ann in the church office.



Our Goal
 \$95,000 Base Cost
 plus
 30% Contingency Fund

**Thank
 You!**

Electrical - Lighting Repairs Appeal Update

The work on repairing our lighting system is underway, the contract has been arranged and parts ordered. We have just this week learned that lighting work in the nave will have to be postponed until the New Year due primarily to delays in the delivery of materials. The lighting in the side aisles has already been improved.

Huge thanks to those parishioners who have already either donated or pledged monies. We have raised more than 1/4 of the \$95,000 base cost plus 30% contingency fund needed. There is still money to be raised.

Please, if you have not contributed, and if you are able, will you make a donation or pledge to help raise the necessary funds for this essential work?

Pledge/donation forms are available at the back of the church and at the Garden door. Thanks very much for your consideration.

Thank You

Susan and I would like to thank you all for the support you have given, following Susan’s accident in which she sustained two fractures of her pelvis. She is now close to complete recovery, and thanks you all for your prayers, cards, visits and the food you provided for us. They were all deeply appreciated.
 Susan Powell and Larry Scyner

The November Special Monthly Envelope is RILL/Aboriginal Neighbours.

Aboriginal Neighbours is an ecumenical organization initiated by the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. The organization was formed out of its members’ concerns for the First Peoples and the future of aboriginal children. Revitalization of Indigenous Languages: a Gift to Future Generations (RIL) was started by the Aboriginal Neighbours Group in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Report, Call to Action # 61, that calls upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to establish permanent funding for culture and language revitalization projects. Undertaken in conjunction with the First People’s Cultural Council, the RILL project supports elders who are fluent speakers of their language to work with apprentices, as mentors, and to pass along the language that was taken from so many in the residential schools.

Tel: 250-595-1786 Website: <http://aboriginalneighbours.org/contact>

Advent and Christmas at St. John the Divine

Advent Procession

Sunday, December 2 – 7:30 p.m.

A moving sequence of readings, hymns, anthems, and motets exploring the themes of Advent.
Sung by The Choristers of St. John the Divine.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 9 – 4:00 p.m.

Gather at 3:00 p.m.

Urban Outdoor Retelling of the Christmas Story – rain or shine, dress appropriately!
Barbecue & hot apple cider.

Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Sunday, December 16 - 7:30 p.m.

The traditional carol service first made popular
through the Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College Cambridge.
Traditional Christmas hymns, readings, and choral carols. Sung by The Choristers of St. John the Divine.

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m.

All-Age celebration of the Christmas Story

Bring the whole family and rejoice at the birth of Christ.
Children, especially, are invited to participate in the telling of the Christmas story in word and song.

7:00 p.m.

Early Christmas Eve Communion

An opportunity to share in a Christmas service if the Midnight Mass is a little late.
With the Community Choir of St. John the Divine.
Sermon by The Reverend Bill Tarter, OSF.

11:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass

The festive Christmas service, with Holy Communion,
traditional carols and candlelight.
With The Choristers of St. John the Divine and the
Sermon by The Reverend Bill Tarter, OSF.

Christmas Day – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas morning service, with organ-led carols and Holy Communion.
Sermon by The Venerable Alastair McCollum

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“When we pray “Let your kingdom come,” we aren’t asking God to bring history to an end and whisk us to realms of glory, or to wave a magic wand and solve all the problems we face in our life. Rather, we are making a radical commitment to live our life in the world (“on earth”) in such loving abandonment to God that the values and principles, the perspectives and dynamics of God’s realm of life and wholeness become incarnate in and through our being and doing. Here too we are utterly incapable of actualizing the kingdom in this way. We can, however, through loving abandonment, allow God to incarnate kingdom life in and through us in the circumstances of our daily life.”

—**M. Robert Mulholland Jr.**, *The Deeper Journey: The Spirituality of Discovering Your True Self*

“Our strategy should be not only to confront empire, but to lay siege to it. To deprive it of oxygen. To shame it. To mock it. With our art, our music, our literature, our stubbornness, our joy, our brilliance, our sheer relentlessness – and our ability to tell our own stories. Stories that are different from the ones we’re being brainwashed to believe.

The corporate revolution will collapse if we refuse to buy what they are selling – their ideas, their version of history, their wars, their weapons, their notion of inevitability.

Remember this: We be many and they be few. They need us more than we need them.

Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.”

— **Arundhati Roy**

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