

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The First Eucharist of Christmas

11pm, December 24, 2018

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John The Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service, and those around you. The Eucharist, or Holy Communion, is 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.

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.

11 pm First Eucharist of Christmas

MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY

Presider: The Ven. Alastair McCollum

Deacon: The Rev'd Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Rev'd Bill Tarter

Readers: Elizabeth McAuley,
Karen Coverett

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Vergers: James Pauly

Sacristan: Elizabeth McAuley

Crucifer: Susanna Peterson

Servers: Emmett Hodgins, Penny Holt,
Brenna Pauly, Amy Topshee

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Graeme
Brown, Susan Fraser, Susan McCabe
Barbara Martin, Judith Reid

Greeters: Brenda Morton, Susan Powell,
Larry Scyner

Musicians: Choristers of St. John the
Divine; Kirsty Money & Emily Redhead,
violins; Paul Luckow, viola; Alasdair
Money, cello; David Stratkauskas,
Director of Music

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis K49,
W. A. Mozart (1756-91)

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The service begins with:

Welcome all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span. Summer in winter, day in night,
heaven in earth and God in man.
Great little one whose all-embracing birth
brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

The presider then greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 132) AND BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

The procession stops at the Crèche.

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ,
let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son,
born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father, on this night your Son Jesus Christ
was born of the Virgin Mary for healing and salvation;
bless this crib which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be strengthened in faith,
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring;
who is alive and reigns for ever.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Times and Seasons

The procession continues with the remaining verses of the hymn.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

A moment of silence is kept; the choir then sings the Kyrie Eleison:

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.
(*Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.*)

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Times and Seasons

GLORIA *(sung by the choir)*

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| Gloria in excelsis Deo. | <i>Glory to God in the highest,</i> |
| Et in terra pax | <i>and on earth peace</i> |
| hominibus bonae voluntatis. | <i>to people of good will.</i> |
| Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. | <i>We praise you, we bless you,</i> |
| Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. | <i>we adore you, we glorify you,</i> |
| Gratias agimus tibi | <i>we give you thanks</i> |
| propter magnam gloriam tuam. | <i>for your great glory,</i> |
| Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, | <i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i> |
| Deus Pater omnipotens. | <i>O God, almighty Father.</i> |
| Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. | <i>Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,</i> |
| Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. | <i>Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,</i> |
| Qui tollis peccata mundi, | <i>you take away the sins of the world,</i> |
| miserere nobis. | <i>have mercy on us;</i> |
| Qui tollis peccata mundi, | <i>you take away the sins of the world,</i> |
| suscipe deprecationem nostram. | <i>receive our prayer;</i> |
| Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, | <i>you are seated at the right hand of the</i> |
| miserere nobis. | <i>Father: have mercy on us.</i> |
| Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. | <i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i> |
| Tu solus Dominus. | <i>you alone are the Lord,</i> |
| Tu solus Altissimus, | <i>you alone are the Most High,</i> |
| Iesu Christe. | <i>Jesus Christ,</i> |
| Cum Sancto Spiritu, | <i>with the Holy Spirit,</i> |
| in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. | <i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i> |

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

Eternal God who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who know the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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.

All: Amen.

Common Worship 2000

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord, for he has come.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord, for he has come.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 141)

NOEL

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia. All: Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir : The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son

and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated for:

THE SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand, sit or kneel.

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

During the hymn, bread and wine are brought to the Altar and a collection will be taken.

OFFERTORY HYMN

CRANHAM

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Please remain standing.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfectly human
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary, his mother;
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS (*Sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, *Holy, holy, holy*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth. *Lord God of hosts.*
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. *Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Osanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit *Blessed is he who comes*
in nomine Domini. *in the name of the Lord.*

Osanna in excelsis. *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.

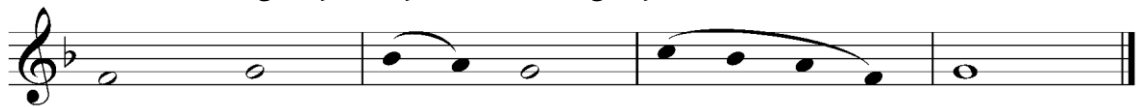
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light

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: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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,*
 miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
 dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

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 the communion station please make this known to the Greeters and communion will be brought to you.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

At the end of communion, hand candles will be lit.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (CP 119)

STILLE NACHT

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,

**All: with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us,
so that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing...

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

ADESTE, FIDELES

VOLUNTARY

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

You may take your candle home with you, or place it in the baskets provided.

Christmas Services

December 25 10:00 am Holy Communion for Christmas Day (BAS)

Epiphany Services

January 6 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist (BAS), & Chalking of the Doors
7:30 pm Epiphany Evensong

Christmas Office Hours

Closed: December 25th thru January 1st
Normal office hours resume Wednesday, January 2nd 9:00 am – 12 Noon

Regular Sunday Services at St. John the Divine

8:00 a.m. ❖ Holy Communion

A quiet, spoken service in the chapel using the 17th-century language of the Book of Common Prayer, with sermon and Communion.

10:00 a.m. ❖ Parish Eucharist

The main weekly service, with sermon, congregational singing supported by our large pipe organ, choral music, and Communion.

7:30pm (First Sunday of the month) ❖ Choral Evensong

The ancient evening service of the Anglican Church, with readings, chant, prayer, and choral music.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Poinsettias – Given to the Glory of God

in memory of

My grandparents
Family and friends
Our families
My Grandmother, Joyce MacArthur
Members of the Lucier family
Bill and Reno
My parents
Altaire
Charles M. MacLeod & Evelyn E. L. MacLeod
The Dagger & Jenkins Family
Claire Minkley
Hélène Nadeau
Our Parents/Grandparents – Herb & Ruth Zenger and
Hugh & Betty McCaw
Our parents – Jim Reid, Ava Jane Nelson & Dan Sudback
Jim & Isabelle Smith
Alice & Bill Denson. We fondly remember the happy times we
enjoyed together.
Remembering Grahame Baker and all the wonderful Christmases
we celebrated together.
Brian Beckett
Marguerite & Harold Henrikson and Betty & Tom Melville
Rex
James Kehoe
My parents, Norman & Elsie Elsdon
George Pollard & Jean Radtke Pollard
My parents, Steven & Rosy Chan
My sisters, Benita and Caroline Chan
Our Parents

in thanksgiving

In celebration of my family
Thanks for all my family and friends
For the lives of Barry and Susan Jenks
With love of family missed at Christmastide – especially Alice

from

Susan Powell
Judith Branion
Al & Karyn Lehmann
Patrick Sibley
Barry Lucier
Sandy & Shelley Cotton
Diane Erickson
Ted & Vorna Butler
Robin MacLeod
John & Pat Jenkins
Hilary Punnett
Daniel, Ruth, Luc, Paul & Camryn
Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger and
Susanna Peterson
Judith Reid & Scott Sudbeck
Rhoda Brodie-Smith
The Baker Family

With love, and appreciation for all those
memories, Heather and family
His Family
Bruce & Gerry Melville
Louise Langman
Margaret Cornish
Iris Elsdon
With love from your 3 daughters
Adrienne Chan
Adrienne Chan
Nancy Baal and Nancy Peterson

in memory of loved ones – from

Marilyn Moody

Enid Luneburg

Sylvia Calder



FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main 1 in loving memory of our parents, from Nancy Baal and Nancy Peterson.

Main 2 in loving memory of my family, from Sylvia Balogh.

Chapel with thanksgiving for our many blessings during this past year,
from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger.

Lectern with thanksgiving for the community of St. John the Divine,
from Pat and Anne Anderson.

Good is the Flesh

Good is the flesh that the Word has become,
good is the birthing, the milk in the breast,
good is the feeding, caressing and rest,
good is the body for knowing the world,
Good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Good is the body for knowing the world,
sensing the sunlight, the tug of the ground,
feeling, perceiving, within and around,
good is the body, from cradle to grave,
Good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Good is the body, from cradle to grave,
growing and aging, arousing, impaired,
happy in clothing, or lovingly bared,
good is the pleasure of God in our flesh,
Good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Good is the pleasure of God in our flesh,
longing in all, as in Jesus, to dwell,
glad of embracing, and tasting, and smell,
good is the body, for good and for God,
Good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Brian Wren

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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