

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Christmas Day

December 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.



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.

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY

Presider: The Reverend Bill Tarter

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Reader: Virginia Miller

Intercessor: Pat Ormerod

Audio: Doug Adderley

Verger: Chuck Neilson

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 153)

IN DULCI JUBILO

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

God our Father, today the Saviour is born
and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.
Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,
to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light
to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest. Amen.**

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.**

PRAYER OF 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.**

The Priest reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.

GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God whose Word became flesh,
breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation
and proclaim your promise of peace to the ends of the earth;
through Christ the Word.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
 The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (NEH40)

GREENSLEEVES

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Before the Gospel

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

Choir or cantor: 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 John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

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 143)

REGENT SQUARE

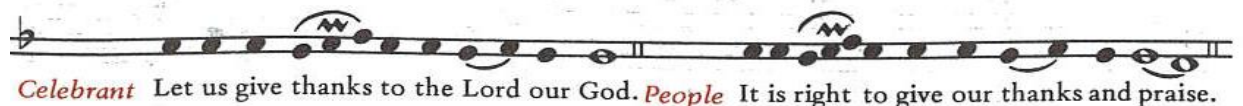
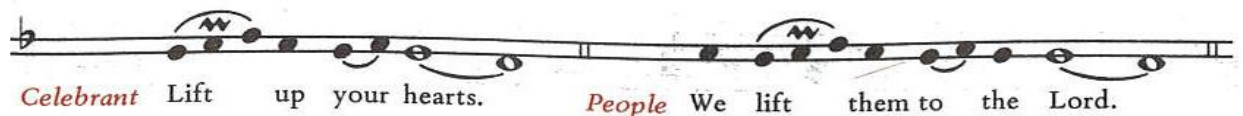
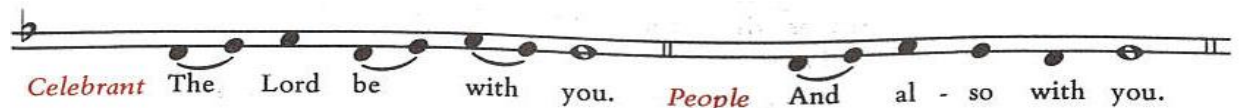
THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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



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 perfect man
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 your joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS (CP 735)

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

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: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION (CP 126)

CRADLE SONG

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 138)

MENDELSSOHN

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

All: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

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

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

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
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Nancy Baal and Nancy Peterson

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

Dorothy Chuhuran
Susan Mugridge
Barbara and Timothy
The Ryans

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

STEWARDS

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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