

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

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. 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: Beryl Roundhill, Doug Henderson

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

Vergers: Rand Harrison

Audio: Doug Adderley

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

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

INTROIT

“When He is King we will give him the King’s gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness,
and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph Fair with her first-born on
Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets, Myrrh for embalming,
and wood for a crown,

He that lies now in the white arms of Mary Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming, Close-huddled oxen to
keep Him from cold,

Mary for love, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt / Music: Peter Warlock

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (SPR 30)

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

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

Loving God, Maker of all
All: have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
All: have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
All: have mercy on us.

Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings.

(Silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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we confess to our brokenness:
To the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Holy One of Israel, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and Spirit faithful in your service, so that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

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Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing
of peace.

**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 385)

ÜTTINGEN

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.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer C – Liturgy of the Islands

May God be with you

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,
for you create all things
and in you we live and move and have our being.
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image. And even though we turn from you,
again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own
to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.
You sent Jesus among us,
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us -
Jesus suffered the cross,
died,
and in rising again
became the firstborn of the renewed family.

Your Holy Spirit descended
and gave life to your church.

And so we gather around your table,
with all the saints
and with all Creation
We sing the hymn of your unending love:

SANCTUS

To you be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
when he had given thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you:
Do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
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
Poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins;
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

Unite us in Christ and give us your hope
that we might be strengthened to do your work
as your body in the world.

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit,
all praise and glory be yours, Creator God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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

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.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

WHEN I HAVE, in the name of the Baptist, The folk in water clear, then have I said that
After me shall He come that has more power Than I to judge; He shall give baptism
More entire in fire and spirit.

Thus am I come in message right, To be the forerunner in true witness-bearing of that
light. The which shall light in every man that is come into this world.

My Lord Jesus shall come this day From Galilee unto this flood ye Jourdane call. I thank
him ever, but am a-feared I am not able to fulfil this deed.

The heavens shall be opened and the Holy Ghost shall down be sent. The Father's voice
with great joy be heard full right.

What needest he, who hath no sin, without within, To be baptised like mortal men?
What rich man goes from door to door To beg from him that has nought? Lord, thou art
rich and I am full poor. Thou may bless all, since all thou wrought. Now help me, Lord,
through godhead, to do this work, And save mankind, body and soul, from endless
pain.

Text: adapted by M. Finnissy from the York Mystery Plays (Middle English); Music: Michael Finnissy (b. 1946)

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God,
**All: that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 20 – THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 62:1-5 Those returned from exile in Babylon are told by the prophet their relationship with God is restored. **Psalms 36:5-10** The steadfast love of God is permanent and dependable.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 No one gift of the Spirit is greater than any other and all, signs of God's abundance, are for the common good. **John 2:1-11** The abundance of good wine tells us that God's new age is beginning.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**Today**

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 14

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Rector's Office
2:00 pm Book Study Denson Lounge
4:00 pm Living Presence Meditation Chapel

Tuesday 15

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Denson Lounge
7:00 pm Alliance Club Cooking for youth in need Hall Kitchen

Wednesday 16

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
7:00 pm Reel Thought Movie Night and Faith in Justice present Denson Lounge
"(Disrupted) human flow: Migrants' crises in the 21st century"

Thursday 17

10:30 am SJAG Meeting (Social Justice Action Group) Denson Lounge
12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

Friday 18

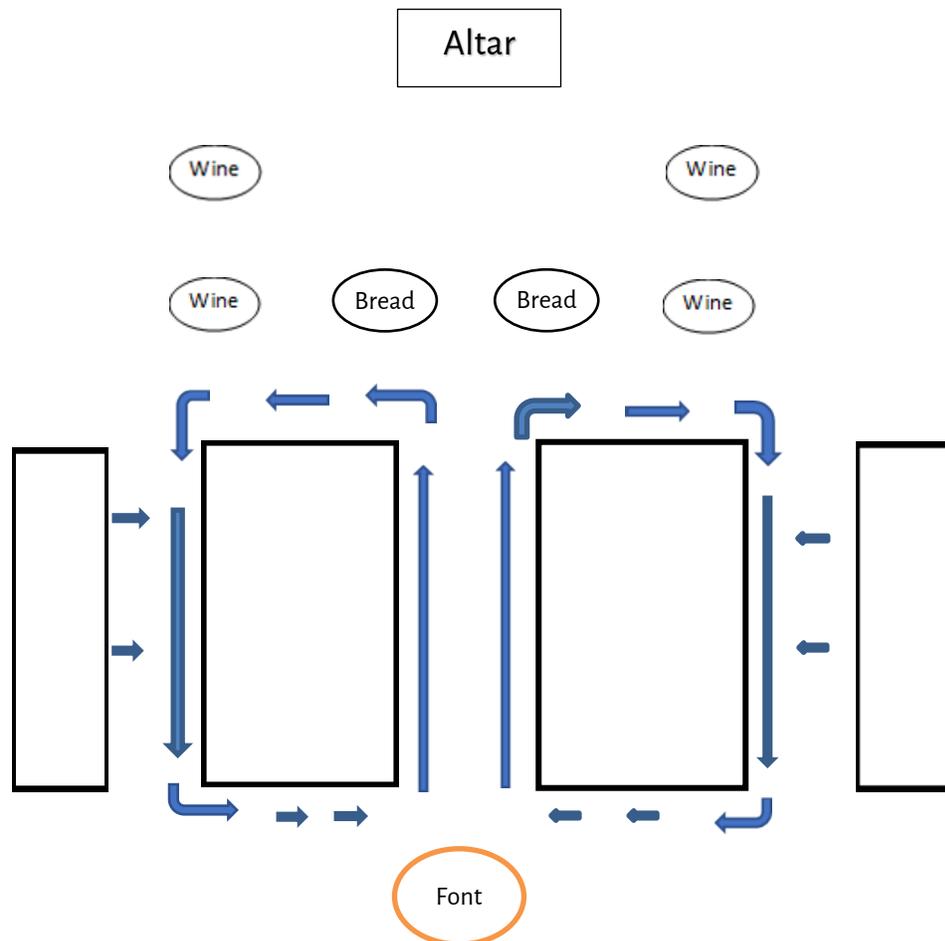
10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Sunday 20

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel
10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church
11:30 am Divine Brunch Hall
2:00 pm PFLAG Denson Lounge

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 are 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

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!



A special VBMS fundraising event with **Steven Devine**
in conversation with **Nancy Argenta**

“Devine Adventures in Music”

*An intimate and entertaining evening of stories and music,
shedding light on the magic of the harpsichord and continuo playing.*

Monday, January 14th Baumann Centre, 925 Balmoral Rd, Victoria
Doors open 7:00 pm / Programme at 7:30 pm

\$60 (\$30.00 tax deductible)

RESERVE in advance victoria-baroque@shaw.ca or 250 590-9770

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.



Movie Club –

7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

REEL THOUGHTS AND FAITH IN JUSTICE present

"(Disrupted) human flow: Migrants' crises in the 21st century"

Featuring the documentary "Human Flow" by former Chinese dissident and film maker Ai Wei Wei and comment by and discussion with Sabine Lehr, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator for the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA)

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Denson Lounge, St. John's Church

A joint venture of First Met and St. John's Churches.

New years are filled with the opportunity to try new things or continue with old good practices. You are most welcome to drop in to the **Service of Prayer and Meditation in the Style of Taizé** on January 18th, February 15th, and March 15th at Christ Church Cathedral's Jerusalem Chapel - Fridays at 6-7 pm. Candles and chanting fill the physical space and create open spaces in our hearts.

Next Divine Brunch - Sunday, January 20th

Tickets are available today at coffee hour, or during the week at the office.

The cut-off for tickets is Wednesday, January 16th at 4:00 pm.

Menu: California Quiche (Artichoke hearts and cheese)/ Green Salad or
Chicken Taco Soup / Green Salad
Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free

Best Coast Big Band Concert Cabaret and Dance



Saturday, February 16 **FUN FOR ALL AGES**
7:00 pm
(doors open 6:40) **Everyone Welcome**
First Met Fellowship Hall
932 Balmoral Road

Tickets \$20 (\$45 for two adults and children under 17)
available from First Met or St John the Divine offices, or at the door



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.

Chapel Art Work: The design for the Chapel Art Work has been completed and information is in the flyer you received along with your leaflet. Members of the Chapel Project Team will be at the chapel after the Sunday service to answer any questions you may have.

Pledge Cards: If you have not yet handed in your pledge card for 2019 please do so now as we need this information to help us prepare the Budget for 2019.

A reminder to all who use the Parish House kitchen, to please clean up after yourselves and after all meetings. Unfortunately there is no kitchen angel to come and do this for us.

A huge thank you for your loving generosity in giving to our Christmas “Sock Project”! We were able to fill 12 fuzzy red stockings with hoodies, socks, gloves, earbuds, toiletries, a first aid kit, and other treats, which our homeless kids opened Christmas morning.

It was a delight to be able to do this for them. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by everyone involved .
Gerry, Karyn and Pauline

2019 Envelopes are now available (at the garden door), including blue envelopes for **Credit Card and Automatic donors.**

The Special Blue Offering Envelopes for 2019 are:

January – Refugees

February - Food Bank & Alliance Club

March - PWRDF

April - Sisterhood of St. John the Divine

May – Victoria/Taiama Partnership

June – PEERS

July – Threshold Housing

August - Refugees

September - Food Bank

October - Out of the Rain

November - RILL/Aboriginal Neighbours

December - Rector’s Discretionary Fund

A description of all groups is hanging on the bulletin board near the garden door.

The January blue envelope is for Refugee Ministry. Our parish has a joint refugee ministry with First Met for the first two sponsorships described. However, as a result of the transition, First Met participation cannot be counted on once these two are completed in July.

The Ghebremeskels – Eritrean Mom and Dad and their eight children – arrived last July and are living in the Burnside area. John McLaren is leading this. **More people are needed now to help settle this group.** Please see John if you have some time to spare.

The Bilal family – a Syrian single mom and her two teen children – also arrived last July and are settling in Esquimalt. Kathy Cook from First Met is coordinating this.

The Omer family – Kurdish Mom and Dad, with two young children and a newborn. A settlement group is forming now for a projected arrival in August 2020.

If you have questions or need more information please contact Chris Eve.

LET JUSTICE ROLL! - The new Jan.-Feb. issue (#5) is hot off the press! This occasional newsletter is a project of St. John's "Social Justice and Action Group" (SJAG). Interested folks in the congregation can pick up a copy (it's free!!) at either entrance of the church and at Sunday coffee hour. In this issue, Let Justice Roll! covers two priority topical issues -- Migration and Climate Change! It also features an article on our own Bill Ashwell, and several parish/Victoria-area social justice concerns.

The new 2019 flower calendar is now in place. Please consider giving flowers sometime during the year. When giving flowers, please be sure to mark your cheque with the date of the dedication.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

"Yearning for a new way will not produce it. Only ending the old way can do that. You cannot hold onto the old, all the while declaring that you want something new. The old will defy the new; The old will deny the new; The old will decry the new. There is only one way to bring in the new. You must make room for it."

—Neale Donald Walsch from Richard Rohr's *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*.



Change

Change
Said the sun to the moon,
You cannot stay.

Change
Says the moon to the waters,
All is flowing.

Change
Says the fields to the grass,
Seed-time and harvest,
Chaff and grain.

You must change said,
Said the worm to the bud,
Though not to a rose,

Petals fade
That wings may rise
Borne on the wind.

You are changing
said death to the maiden, your wan face
To memory, to beauty.

Are you ready to change?
Says the thought to the heart, to let her pass
All your life long

For the unknown, the unborn
In the alchemy
Of the world's dream?

You will change,
says the stars to the sun,
Says the night to the stars.

Kathleen Jessie Raine

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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