

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 20, 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 Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

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

Intercessor: Pat Ormerod

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Verger: Rand Harrison

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Audio: Doug Adderley

Readers: Colleen Lissamer, John McLaren

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

Mass Setting: Antonio Lotti (1667-1740), *Missa Brevis (Messa del primo tuono)*

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 525)

AURELIA

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

The Presider may introduce the prayers.

We pray together:

**All: Where we have failed to recognise your love
in the actions of friend or stranger
forgive us.
Where we have failed to recognise your presence
in the world in which we live
forgive us.
Where we have failed to remember your gospel
in our actions, thoughts and words
forgive us.
Renew our hearts in worship,
our minds in wisdom
and our hands in service. Amen.**

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

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 hominibus bonae voluntatis. | <i>and peace to his people on earth.</i> |
| Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. | <i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i> |
| Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. | <i>almighty God and Father,</i> |
| Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. | <i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i> |
| Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. | <i>we praise you for your glory.</i> |
| Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. | <i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i> |
| Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. | <i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i> |
| Qui tollis peccata mundi, | <i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i> |
| miserere nobis. | <i>have mercy on us;</i> |
| Qui tollis peccata mundi, | <i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i> |
| suscipe deprecationem nostram. | <i>receive our prayer;</i> |
| Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, | <i>you who 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 OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

O God of steadfast love,
at the wedding in Cana
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,
delighting all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
so that we may show forth the light of your love
as one body in Christ.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

36:5-10

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

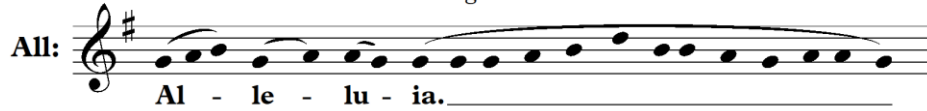
THE GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Before the Gospel



*Deacon or choir: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations;
and believed in throughout the world.*



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.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE IONA CREED

**All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**

Amen.

The Iona Worship Book

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 162)

SALZBURG

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world be
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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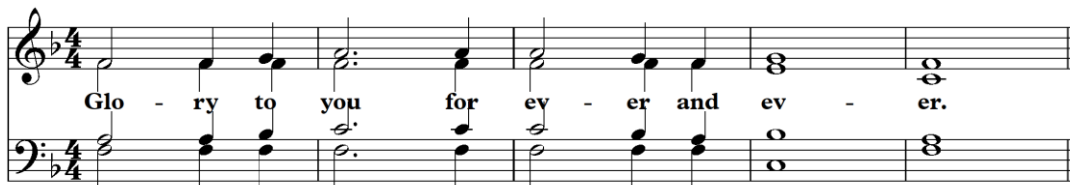
Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

All:



Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

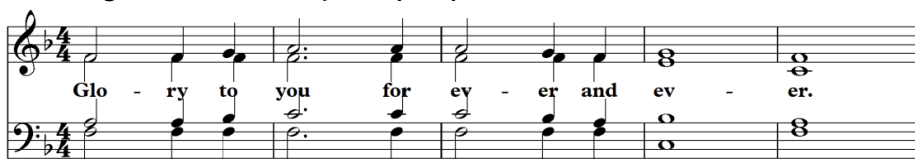
You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

SANCTUS (*sung by the choir*)

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| Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, | <i>Holy, holy, holy</i> |
| Dominus Deus Sabaoth. | <i>Lord God of power and might.</i> |
| Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. | <i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i> |
| Osanna in excelsis. | <i>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
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| Benedictus qui venit | <i>Blessed is he who comes</i> |
| in nomine Domini. | <i>in the name of the Lord.</i> |
| Osanna in excelsis. | <i>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

All:



Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,

took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them,
 saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
 this is my body which is given for you."
 After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
 said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
 and said, "Drink this, all of you:
 this is the cup of my blood,
 the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many,
 so that sins may be forgiven.
 Do this in memory of me."

All:



Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

Gracious God,
 with this bread and wine
 we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
 and we offer ourselves to you in him.
 Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
 that we may know the presence of Jesus
 in the breaking of bread,
 and share in the life
 of the family of your children.

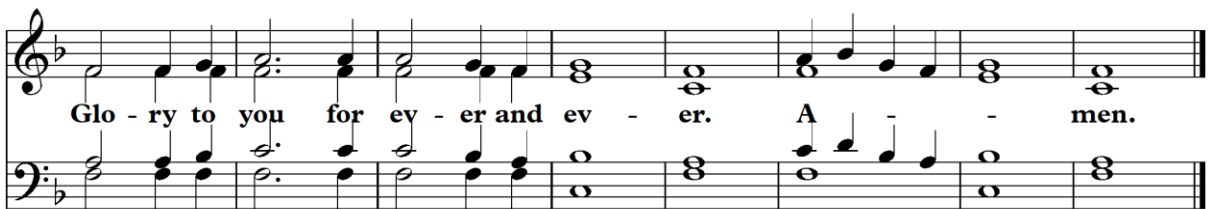
All:



Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
 fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
 that all the world may gather in joy
 at the table of your kingdom.
 We sing your praise, almighty Father,
 through Jesus, our Lord,
 in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever.

All:



Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er. A - - men.

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

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 forward for communion 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

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis ejus; mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

Words: traditional Latin. Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585).

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)

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 622)

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee, tea and Divine Brunch will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 27 – THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 The exiles have returned to Jerusalem after years of Babylonian captivity and the reading of the law of Moses symbolically reinstates their traditional faith.

Psalms 19 God is praised as creator of nature and giver of the law.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Paul's metaphor, the church as the body of Christ, teaches us that absolutely all members are needed in order for the whole to be complete.

Luke 4:14-21 Luke's gospel puts the story of Jesus reading scripture in his hometown synagogue at the beginning of his ministry, a kind of social manifesto announcing that Jubilee is happening through Jesus.

FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in memory of my mother, Mary Bergbusch, and in honour of my sister Elisabeth's 87th birthday, from John Bergbusch.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

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| 11:30 am | Divine Brunch | Hall |
| 2:00 pm | PFLAG | Denson Lounge |

Monday 21

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| 10:30 am | St. John's Court Board Meeting | Denson Lounge |
| 2:00 pm | Book Study | Denson Lounge |

Tuesday 22

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| 10:00 am | Food Bank | Crypt |
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Wednesday 23

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| 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 24

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| 12:10 pm | Meditative Eucharist | Chapel |
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Sunday 27

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

SHARING IN COMMUNION

There have been some enquiries about the reasoning behind our new method of distributing communion, and understandable concern about changing a practice that had become familiar. One rumour that has been circulating is that the reason was to speed up the distribution, but this wasn't actually a determining factor. The three primary considerations that informed the decision to try this new practice were:

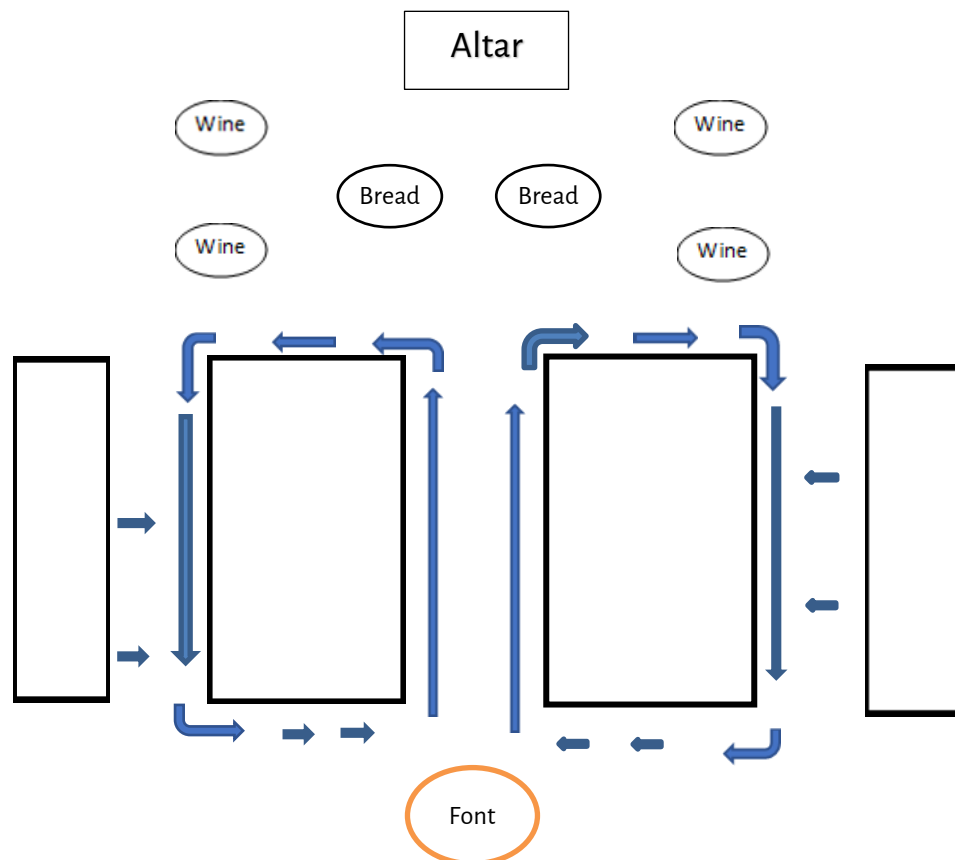
Liturgical coherence: it makes sense to receive the sacrament around the altar at which the Eucharist was just celebrated.

Safety: the steps to the platform and chancel do not have a railing, so keeping to a minimum the number of people using them is prudent.

Hospitality: the previous system of distributing communion, with multiple queues, running counter to each other, leading to different stations, and no clear direction on where to go, was difficult and unwelcoming for anyone visiting or new to St. John's

There are still some subtleties and details to work out as we try this new procedure, so please do be patient as we go forward.

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

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., Jan. 23rd @ 7pm**. Please contact Elizabeth for meeting location and/or more information: ebethjanna@gmail.com.

*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.*

Vestry Annual Reports are to be submitted **no later than Wed., Feb. 6th**. Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Best Coast Big Band Concert Cabaret and Dance



Saturday, February 16
7:00 pm
(doors open 6:40)
First Met Fellowship Hall
932 Balmoral Road

FUN FOR ALL AGES

**Everyone
Welcome**



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



St John the Divine Anglican Church

Pies and Baked goods wanted.

There is a fundraiser, Best Coast Big Band Cabaret and Dance, on Feb.16 in support of the Refugee Committee. We have been asked to give 12 pies and 6 desserts for the event.

Pies to be in the silent auction, desserts (not pies) for refreshments during intermission.

Date: Sat. Feb 16

If you can contribute - please speak to me after church or contact me at:

joan.huzar@utoronto

Thanks in advance for your support for this fabulous event.

Joan Huzar



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.

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.

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:

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| January – Refugees | July – Threshold Housing |
| February - Food Bank & Alliance Club | August - Refugees |
| March - PWRDF | September - Food Bank |
| April - Sisterhood of St. John the Divine | October - Out of the Rain |
| May – Victoria/Taiama Partnership | November - RILL/Aboriginal Neighbours |
| June – PEERS | 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.

To be or not to be – that is the Bazaar question.

We are seriously looking at whether to continue with our annual Christmas Bazaar. I am looking into this and need to hear from parishioners about this, and also looking for activities we, the parish, could do to raise funds in lieu of the Bazaar. Please talk with me at coffee hour or email me at susaneefraser@gmail.com. *Sue Fraser*

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

Wedding at Cana

A marriage,
a miracle,
a story
to tell
of Christ
transforming
water from
the well.

His first miracle,
her gentle request,
wine was needed
for all of the guests.

He is still transforming
in different ways,
and
miracles happen
everyday.

~ Kathryn Heim~

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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