

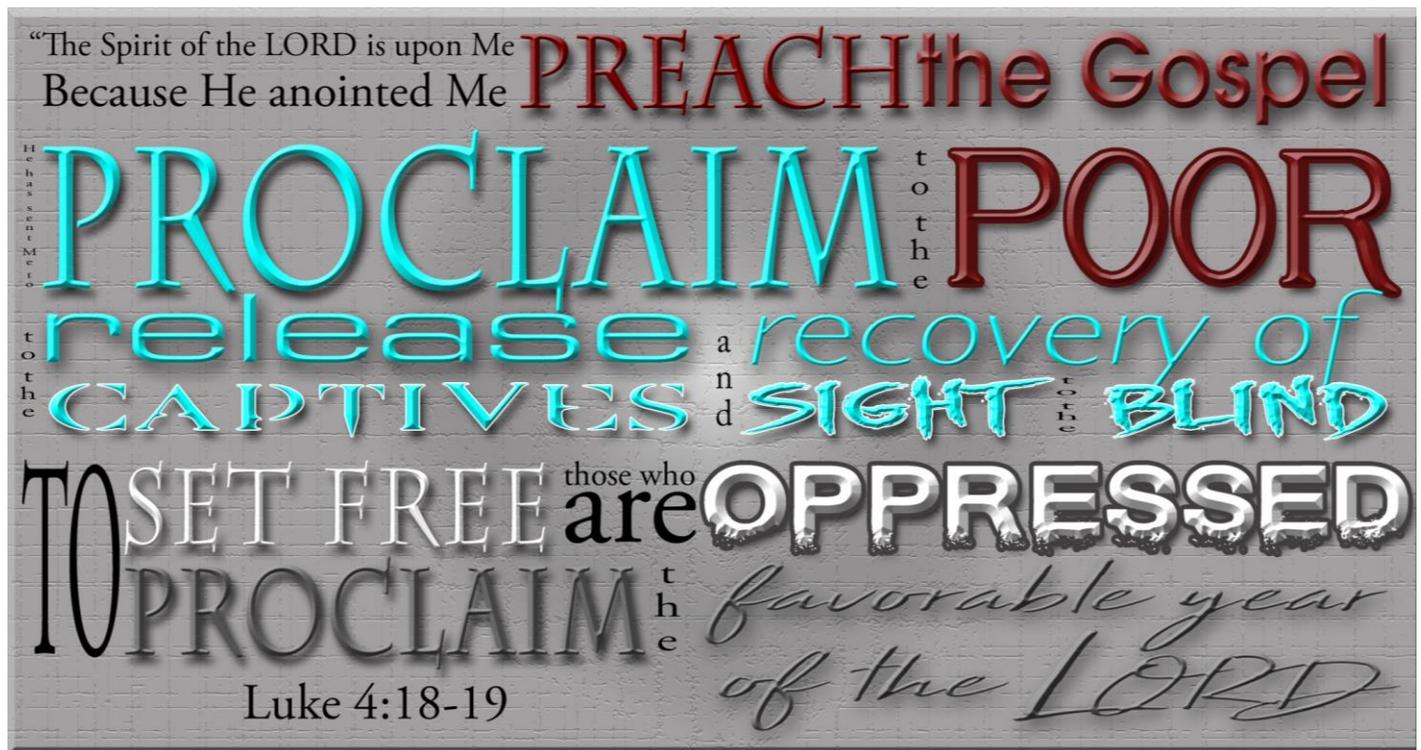
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 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 Bill Tarter

Preacher: Grant Croswell

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Bill Tarter

Gospel Reader: Chris Eve

Sermon: Grant Crosswell

Readers: Kevin Farris, Pat Payne

Intercessor: Kit Pearson

Verger: Rand Harrison

Audio: Al Lehmann

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

O sing joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the
trumpet in the new moon: even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.
For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

Text: from Psalm 81.1-4 Music: Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 306)

RICHMOND

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

Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,
soul behind all souls,
in everything we touch, in everyone we meet,
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

**All: But when we have not touched
but trampled you in creation,
when we have not met but missed you in one another,
when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,
forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry
and seek to renew their lives: your sins are forgiven.
Go in peace; come and follow me.

**All: Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven
people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth
cries Glory! Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit,
so that all people may be free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and
gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is
clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than
honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over
me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

All: Thanks be to God.

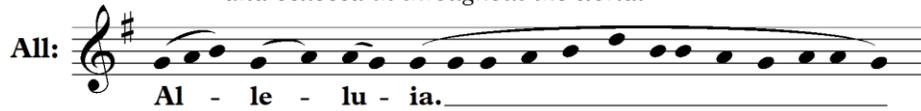
THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

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 Luke.

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

Let us declare our faith in God:

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Ephesians 3

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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 628)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unflinchingly you remain with us.

When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,

whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

**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 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: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, 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

See, see the Word is incarnate; God is made man in the womb of a Virgin.

Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore and angels sing:

"Glory be to God on high: peace on earth, good will towards men."

The law is cancelled, Jews and Gentiles converted by the preaching of glad tidings of salvation. The blind have sight and cripples have their motion; diseases cured, the dead are raised, and miracles are wrought.

Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna.

The Paschal Lamb is offered, Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin. The earth quakes, the sun is darkened, the powers of hell are shaken; and lo, he is risen up in victory.

Sing Alleluia.

See, O see the fresh wounds, the gored blood, the prick of thorns, the print of nails. And in the sight of multitudes

a glorious ascension.

When now he sits on God's right hand where all the choir of heaven all jointly sing:

Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne. Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna: Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; with Alleluia, we triumph in victory, the serpent's head is bruised, Christ's kingdom exalted, and heaven laid open to sinners. Amen.

Words: Godfrey Goodman (1582-1656) / Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance,
**All: with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world,
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 383)

DUKE STREET

VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 543

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 FEBRUARY 3 – THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 1:4-10 With feelings of inadequacy the young prophet hears God's call and learns that disruption of present ways precedes construction of God's new ways.

Psalms 71:1-6 Reliance on God from the time of birth undergirds this psalmist's petition for help.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 At the heart of Paul's teaching on spiritual gifts comes this meditation on love.

Luke 4:21-30 Continuing from last week's reading, Luke tells us how Jesus' townsfolk turn against him.

FLOWERS

Given in honour of my sister, Doris Bergbusch, on her 89th birthday today, and my daughter, Alison, who was 33 yesterday, from John Bergbusch.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 28

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

2:00 pm Book Study Chapel

Wednesday 30

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 31

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

1:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting Denson Lounge

Friday, Feb. 1

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Sunday 3

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

7:30 pm Evensong Church

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

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!

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.

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

Faith in Justice Series Winter/Spring 2019

(A joint St. John the Divine/First Met Venture)

All sessions in the Denson Lounge, St. John's
(unless otherwise advised) 7:00-8:30 pm.

Tuesday, February 12

"The State of BC's Democracy in an Era of Populism"

Dermod Travis, Executive Director, Integrity BC, a non-partisan, non-profit political watchdog dedicated to engendering bonds of trust and confidence between citizens and their elected officials. Mr. Travis writes and broadcasts widely on these issues.

Open House at The Victoria Mosque, Masjid Al Iman, 2218 Quadra St., Sat., Feb. 16th, 10 am-3 pm.

This is a great community-building gathering over delicious snacks, friendly faces and wonderful conversations. Volunteers will offer a tour of the Mosque and a display of various themes surrounding Islam and Muslims. They also plan such activities as henna tattooing and hijab-tryouts for kids and women.

"In a world with ever-growing stigma and confusion around Islam and Muslims, we want to open our doors, our minds and our hearts to everyone around us, irrespective of their background, and build a stronger community," said the Iman, Ismail Mohamed Nur. There are an estimated 2,000 Muslims in Victoria.

The event is free and registration is not required.

Please note: Shoes come off and women do not shake men's hands.

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



Pies and Baked goods wanted.

There is a fundraiser, Best Coast Big Band Cabaret and Dance, on **Sat., 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.

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

250-995-3154 or 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.

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.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear? Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth
instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention,
how to fall down into the grass,
how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed,
how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done? Doesn't everything die at last,
and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

—*Mary Oliver*

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