

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 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

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Gospel Reader: Graeme Brown

Sermon: The Reverend Bill Tarter

Readers: Margaret Walker, Doug Henderson

Intercessor: Peggy Wilmot

Verger: Douwe Bosma

Audio: Bob McIntosh

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

A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

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

An introit may be sung by the choir.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 333)

MICHAEL

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

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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,

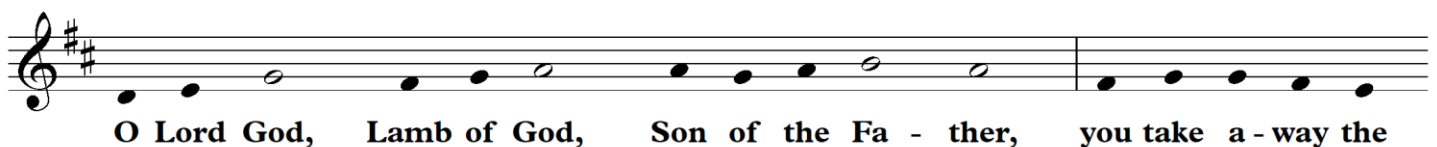
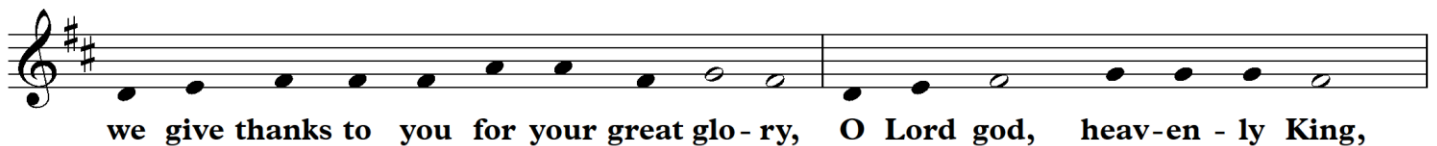
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

John Merbecke, adapted



sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,
re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,
have mer-cy up - on us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on-ly are the Lord;
you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
are most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God, you root those who trust in you
by streams of healing water.
Release us from the bonds of disease,
free us from the power of evil,
and turn us from falsehood and illusion,
so that we may find the blessings of new life in you
through the power of Christ.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 439)

FRANCONIA

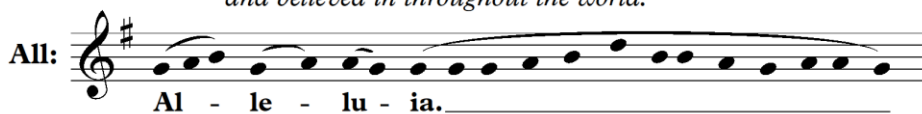
THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

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 (SPr 627)

SAGINA

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.

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

All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most high. Bless-ed is he that comes in the name of the Lord: Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

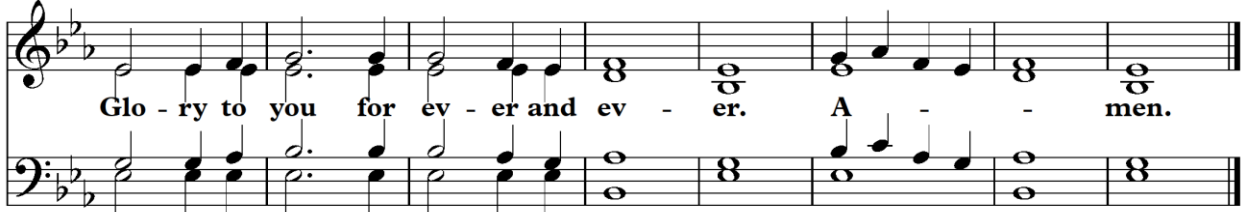
All:



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

All:

O Lamb of God, that takes a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takes a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takes a-way the sin of the world: grant us your 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

Blessed are the poor in spirit: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake:
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you,
and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen.

Text: Matt. 5:3-12; Music: Arvo Pärt (b. 1936)

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 DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 362)

WOODLANDS

VOLUNTARY Praeludium in E minor (the 'Little')

N. Bruhns

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 FEBRUARY 24TH – THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 In a powerful reunion Joseph makes the decision not to seek retribution with the brothers who sold him into slavery, but recognizes the hand of the Divine even in terrible circumstances, and seeks reconciliation and offers forgiveness.

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42 The Psalmist reminds us of the promise of God's presence in all things, and that we should not fret about the fate of others, but leave judgment to God.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Paul tries to steer his readers away from pointless contention and over-literalization of the idea of resurrection, instead pointing to the wonder of God's work in the natural cycle, and the analogy of life and growth being at the heart of resurrected living.

Luke 6:27-38 In the middle of what is known as the 'sermon on the plain' Jesus expands on 'the golden rule' of love - that violence should not be met with violence, nor abusive behaviour met with abuse, but that the calling of love is to challenge both us, and those who may treat us badly. Likewise, to love is not to stand in judgment of others, but to love expansively and generously.

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of my dad, Glyn Powell, from Susan and Larry.

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

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

Monday 18 – Family Day

The office is closed.

Tuesday 19

2:00 pm	ACW Meeting	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	Alliance Club Cooking for youth in need	Hall Kitchen

Wednesday 20

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 21

10:30 am	St. John's Social Justice Action Group	Denson Lounge
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel

Friday 22

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Sunday 24

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
12 Noon	Vestry Meeting	Hall

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.

Coldest Night of the Year – Sat., Feb. 23

You are invited to join a team of community leaders in taking part in Coldest Night of the Year. The national walk raises awareness and raises money for charities serving hungry, homeless, and hurting people in our community. Last year, the event helped raise \$40,000 for Our Place but that wasn't where the campaign ended. It was truly inspiring walking with so many people, all with the same goal of supporting Victoria's most vulnerable citizens. To register please go to www.ourplacesociety.com

When: Saturday, February 23rd, 4-8pm **Where:** The walk begins at Our Place, 919 Pandora Avenue

Route Details: Route options include a 2km, 5 km or 10 km walk. Maps are available here: 2Km, 5+10Km.

Rest stops will be available on all routes.

Where the money is going: It's hard enough living on the street when the weather is fair, but as winter has arrived and the temperature drops, even the hardest homeless people need a place to stay warm and dry. The money you raise from Coldest Night will go towards extended hours for Our Place.

NOTICE OF 2019 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held **next Sunday, February 24th, 2019 at 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall**, for the purpose of receiving the 2018 Reports of the Officers and Organizations and approving the 2019 budget. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

ST. JOHN'S COURT SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Society to take place beginning at **12 Noon** in St. John's Parish Hall, **Sunday, February 24th**. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.



Movie Night –

7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

On Thursday evening, Feb. 28th, at 7:00 pm we will present our regular "Reel Thought" movie for February in the Denson Lounge.

Big Eden (U.S.A., 2000, 117 minutes) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0212815/>

We have chosen something light, before we get into Lent, and because it is the day before St. Valentine's Day it had to be a love story - in this case, a quirky, gay love story, which also reflects on the value of community, and how easy it is to be so focused on something that we can't see anything else, no matter how obvious. As one character in the film observes, "There's so few nice surprises in life. Seems to me that it'd be kind of a shame to squander one of them, don't ya think?" Come and enjoy this charming and thoughtful surprise of a movie with us.

A couple of notes regarding past and future Reel Thought presentations:

- January's presentation, *Human Flow*, is available for loan on DVD from John McLaren (250-592-7031 or jpsmamclaren@gmail.com), if you were unable to attend or would like to see the second half of the movie.
- Once again we plan to show movies each week during Lent, beginning on March 13th, the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, and ending on April 10th, the Wednesday before Holy Week. **Please feel free to offer suggestions as to what we might present during Lent.** So far we have selected movies with an indigenous theme in common. Thank you!
- There will be no Reel Thought on the third Wednesday of April, the 17th, as it falls in Holy Week.

Mark & Daryl



Come One, Come All to Mardi Gras aka Pancake Tuesday – Tues., March 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in St. John's Church Hall (The Baumann Centre). Fun for the whole family! **By donation at the dinner.** (Suggested donation: \$5/person or \$20/family.) Please **do pick up a ticket** from Carol-Ann so we make sure to flip enough

pancakes. Prizes for the best Mardi Gras hats, masks or costumes! Entertainment! And, of course, pancakes! This year we welcome members of Christ Church Cathedral. Please invite them sit at your table.

Gluten free pancakes will be available (please let us know if this is your preference).

St. Mary's Churchmouse Books

Giant Spring Book Sale

Saturday, March 9th 9 am – 2 pm

Thousands & thousands of great pre-owned books

Silent Auction of our best volumes

Live music with James Hamilton & friends

Tea Coffee Community

The St. Mary's Churchmouse Books is a supporter of The Food Bank at St. John's.

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.

The February blue envelope is for The Food Bank at St. John's and The Alliance Club.

The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

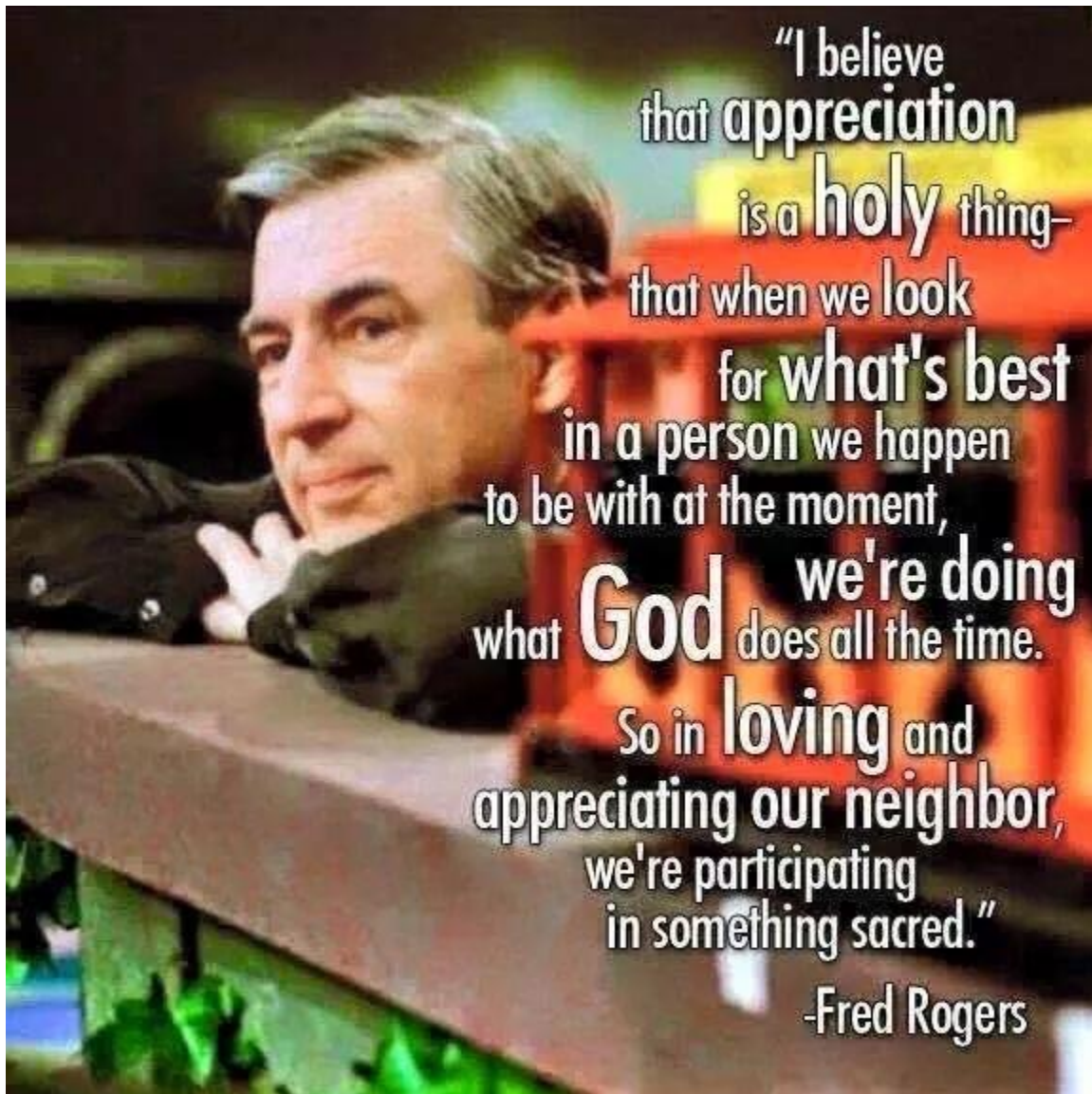
The Alliance Club is a downtown drop-in centre for youth on the street. St John's has supported the Alliance Club for over 20 years by providing casseroles to supplement their evening meals. Volunteers from St. John's and the larger community gather on a semi regular basis to cook and freeze casseroles that are then picked up by Alliance Club staff. Our food is always received with grateful thanks.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

“Love is the voice under all silences, the hope which has no opposite in fear; the strength so strong mere force is feebleness: the truth more first than sun, more last than star.” —*E. E. Cummings*

“There’s no substitute for a great love who says, ‘No matter what’s wrong with you, you’re welcome at this table.’” —*Tom Hanks*



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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