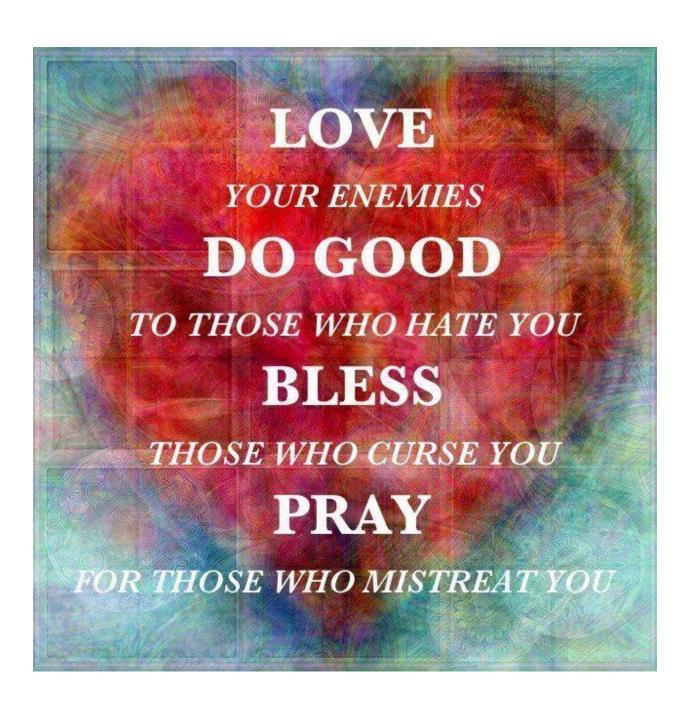
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 24, 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 Audio: Walter Hundleby

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

The MacRae Choral Scholars

Sellion. The Venerable Alastan McConum The Machae Choral Scholars

Readers: Virginia Miller, Christine Scott

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis in F, Op. 117 –

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901);

Verger: Rand Harrison Missa de Angelis (Gloria).

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

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Text: John 14:15–17 / Music: Thomas Tallis

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 345)

GWALCHMAI

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.

Please repeat "Lord have mercy" or "Christ have mercy" after the priest.

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

GLORIA (sung by the choir)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God in the highest,

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. and peace to his people on earth.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Lord God, heavenly King, Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. almighty God and Father,

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. we worship you, we give you thanks,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. we praise you for your glory.

Domine Fili unigenite, lesu Christe. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Lord God, Lamb of God,

Qui tollis peccata mundi, you who takes away the sin of the world:

miserere nobis. Have mercy on us;

Qui tollis peccata mundi, you who takes away the sin of the world:

suscipe deprecationem nostram. Receive our prayer;

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, you who are seated at the right hand of the Father:

miserere nobis. Have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. For you alone are the Holy One,

Tu solus Dominus. you alone are the Lord,

Tu solus Altissimus, you alone are the Most High,

Iesu Christe. Jesus Christ,

Cum Sancto Spiritu, with the Holy Spirit,

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of mercy,

keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,

who prayed even for his enemies.

On our words and actions help us to follow his example,

so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity;

through Jesus Christ, our great reward.

All: Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

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.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 171)

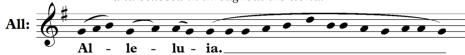
SHARPTHORNE

THE GOSPEL Luke 6:27-28

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

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 485)

BLAENWERN

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

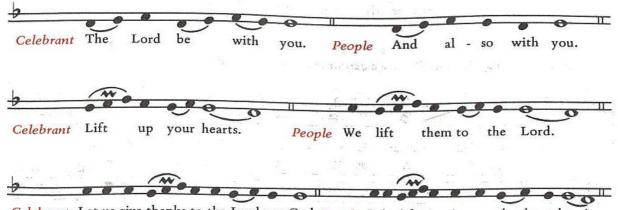
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might for the world be signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Liturgy of the Islands – Prayer B



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

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe.

In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation.

At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be.

In you, all created things shared life with one another.

In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets.

The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty.

When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered.

Still, you continued to bring light from night,

freedom from slavery, and life from death.

Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

SANCTUS (Sung by the choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Holy, holy, holy

Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Lord God of power and might.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Osanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus

Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands.

He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people.

He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain.

In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks,

he gave it to his companions, saying,

"Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

All: Come Source of life.

Come, transforming Word.

Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time,

we offer to you this bread and cup.

Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west.

May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

May all who share your abundant gifts

be incorporated as one body and one holy people,

joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection

for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born,

that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth.

Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

All:

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.

During communion, the choir sings the Benedictus and Agnus dei:

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Osanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of theworld,

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.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God,

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.

All: 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 575)

THAXTED

VOLUNTARY *Carillon -* Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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 followed by the Vestry Meeting at 12 Noon.

READINGS FOR MARCH 3RD – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Exodus 34:29-35 The face of Moses changes in appearance after he has been on Mt. Sinai in the presence of God.

Psalm 99 The awesome majesty and holiness of God are celebrated.

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 Paul interprets the report of Moses' shining face and his use of the veil.

Luke 9:28-43 Luke tells the story of the transfiguration of Jesus' physical appearance on the mountaintop.

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory and celebration of my family - James, Hilda and Douglas Dutton, from Dorothy Chuhran.

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

Monday 25		
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel

Wednesday 27

12 Noon

4:00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Living Presence Meditation

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
7:30 pm	Concert: Emily Carr String Quartet	Church

Thursday 28

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
7:00 pm	Reel Thought Movie Night: "Big Eden"	Denson Lounge

Friday, March 1

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Sunday 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

EVENTS

NOTICE OF 2019 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held **today 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, **today.** All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

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.

Hall

Chapel

LGBTQ and Christian – Victoria's Generous Space group meets monthly

Next meeting: **Wed., Feb. 27**th **@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.



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, because it was originally scheduled on 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. Music provided by **Coastline**.

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

Coastline is a string ensemble comprised of some of BC's top young musicians ranging from ages 15-21, coached and mentored by internationally acclaimed fiddler, Ivonne Hernandez. With intricate arrangements of traditional, original and contemporary fiddle tunes from around the world, Coastline is pushing boundaries and always having a great time whenever they play.

Did you know that four of St. John's young people (Lauren, Dexter and Emmett Hodgins, and Camryn Nadeau) are members of Coastline? The group rehearses every Friday afternoon in the Denson Lounge.

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.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the **Big Band Concert Cabaret and Dance such a big success!** Great music by the Best Coast Big Band was enjoyed by all – and lots of dancing by all ages. Thanks to everyone who attended – we sold over 150 tickets and we made a grand total of \$4100 for refugee support that will be shared equally between St. John the Divine and First Met. Many people went home with delicious pies and desserts - we made over \$850 from the pie and dessert auctions. Thanks again to all participants, volunteers and bakers who helped make our fundraiser such a successful community event. Kathy Cook and Janet Gray.

Pastoral Care at St. John the Divine

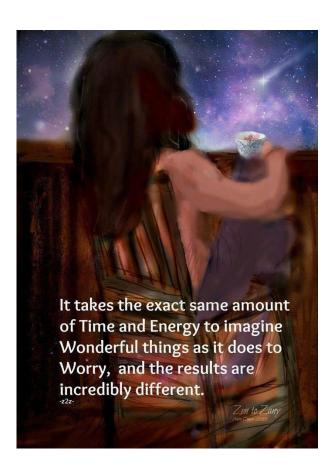
Our pastoral care team is made up of trained clergy and lay members of the congregation, and we are here to visit you at home, in a care residence, or at the hospital. We can pray together, have a conversation, read from the scriptures, tell you what is happening at the church, or just sit in silence, depending on what works best for you. We may also bring Holy Communion, if you so wish. We can also connect you with some of the other ministries of care at St. John's. For example, with your permission, we can add your name to the Sunday prayer list or the confidential Pastoral Prayer Ministry, or arrange for you to receive the gift of a prayer shawl.

Pastoral care visits can be arranged by calling the church office at **250-383-7169** or by emailing **pastoral@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca**. Please include some contact information in your message and a member of the pastoral care team will get back to you as quickly as possible in order to arrange a visit.

For any urgent, after hours pastoral care need, please call the on-call cell phone at 778-678-6873.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



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

STEWARDS

People's Warden: Graeme Brown

Rector's Warden: Chris Eve

Assistant Warden: Joan Huzar

Treasurer: vacant

Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

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Sherrie Allen, Tom Clements, Carol Anne Harper, Penny Holt, Elizabeth McAuley, Rod Marsh, Catherine Small

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Associate Priest: The Rev'd Bill Tarter
Deacon: The Rev'd Patrick Sibley

Director of Music: David Stratkauskas **Family Ministry Coordinator**: Ruth MacIntosh **Parish Administrator**: Carol-Ann Zenger

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