

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 5th Sunday in Lent

April 7th, 2019

We, the people of God, 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 at 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

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Reverend Bill Tarter

Readers: Sandi Austin, St. John's Chorister

Intercessor: Peggy Wilmot

Audio: John McLaren

Vergers: Rand Harrison

Music: The Community Choir

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

Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears

Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650); Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 602)

CRUCIFER

Christ the great reconciler calls us to be reconciled
to God, one another, and within ourselves.
Let us open ourselves to God's calling to healing and wholeness
and acknowledge our brokenness and longing.

Silence

KYRIE ELEISON

During Lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.

All:

Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son. Chri - ste__ e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e__ e - le - i - son.

Ferial mass, Gregorian, xvii.

ABSOLUTION

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.**

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Extravagant God,
lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:
inspire us to give with generosity,
to love life so that we may find it again,
and thus the world will be filled
with the fragrance of your love;
through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us.

All: **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43: 16-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 126

REFRAIN:



What mar-vels the Lord worked for us, in - deed we were glad.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, Then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, And our tongue with songs of joy. **Refrain.**

Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us, And therefore we rejoiced. **Refrain**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, As the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears Shall reap with songs of joy. **Refrain**

Those who go out weeping Bearing the seed,
Will come back with shouts of joy, Bringing their sheaves with them. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 177)

BEACH HAVEN

THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Before the Gospel

Cantor:



Praise to you O_____ Christ, **King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!**

Deacon or cantor: God is Spirit : and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.

All:



Praise to you O_____ Christ, **King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!**

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

**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 CREED

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 66)

UNDE ET MEMORES

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* 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,
unfailingly 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

Cantor: Ho - ly, *All:* Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might.
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: A men A - men A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God) *(Sung by all)*

Gregorian Chant, Mass XVIII

The image shows two staves of Gregorian chant notation for the Agnus Dei. The first staff is for parts 1 and 2, and the second staff is for part 3. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation consists of a series of notes with stems, some beamed together, and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has two parts: 'Cantor:' and 'All:'. The second staff also has two parts: 'Cantor:' and 'All:'.

1, 2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

All are invited to receive communion. We share bread and wine at the front of the Church and recommend you wait until the row in front of you has received rather than joining a line-up. If you prefer for any reason not to take either the bread or wine then sharing 'in one kind' is still sharing full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to come forward and have a prayer said for you by those distributing the bread, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

We don't wish there to be any barriers to receiving – Gluten Free Wafers are available at both stations on request and if you are unable to come forward for communion please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you. All are welcome at Christ's table!

There will be a silent pause for reflection and personal prayer following the sharing of Holy Communion.

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

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me.

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me.

When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me.

Text: Robert Herrick (1591-1674).
Music: Peter Hurford (1930-2019).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

**All: May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 186)

GONFALON ROYAL (CP 187)

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Luke 19:28-40 Jesus enters Jerusalem to observe Passover amid shouts of joy from a crowd of his disciples.

Isaiah 50:4-9a Isaiah speaks of the suffering servant, the innocent one who suffers because of his faithfulness.

Psalms 31:9-16 These selected verses reflect the desperation of a person unjustly tried in the court of public opinion.

Philippians 2:5-11 In this early Christian hymn unfolds the drama of Christ's descent to earth, death on a cross, and ascent to heaven.

Luke 22:39—23:49 Luke leads us through events in the last evening and day of Jesus' life to his death on the cross and burial in a borrowed tomb.

During Lent

During Lent we will be marking the season in a number of ways. There is the opportunity for some substantial study and thinking.

Mondays during Lent the Quadra Street church doors will be open to all to come and enjoy **Quiet Meditation** from 12 Noon – 2:00pm.

We are reading and talking over soup at our **Lunch with a Point** on Wednesdays at 12 Noon, with a Bible Study, "Transforming Encounters – meeting with Jesus."

Once again **Reel Thought** is offered weekly through Lent (not including Ash Wednesday or Holy Week) – movies to entertain and provoke thought. These take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

April 10: *Indian Horse* (Canada, 2017, 101 mins.) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5672286/>

Follow the Lenten daily blogs on St. John's website (www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

For further ideas for Lenten reading or disciplines to take up for this Holy Season, please contact the Rector. Likewise, following a few enquiries, if anyone would like to 'make their confession' (or, as it is known, practise the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**) please contact the Rector.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Victoria Baroque Concert: "Music of the Heart and Soul"	Church

Monday 8

12 Noon-2pm	Quiet Meditation	Church
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
4:00 pm	Living Presence Meditation	Chapel

Tuesday 9

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
2:00 pm	ACW Meeting	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting (please note change of date)	Denson Lounge

Wednesday 10

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Lunch with a Point	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art and Soul Group	Crypt
2:00 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	Reel Thought Movie Night	Denson Lounge

Indian Horse (Canada, 2017, 101 mins.) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5672286/>

Thursday 11

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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Friday 12

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Saturday 13

9:00 am	Palm Cross Making	Denson Lounge
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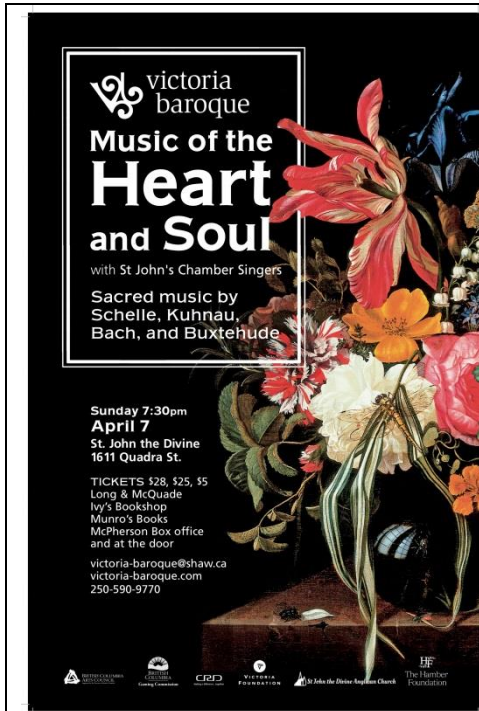
Sunday 14 – Palm Sunday

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



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!



Music of the Heart and Soul

Sunday April 7th 7:30pm at St. John's

Victoria Baroque ❖ St. John's Chamber Singers

Anne van der Sloot, soprano ❖ Alana Hayes, mezzo

Nolan Kehler, tenor ❖ Kyron Basu, baritone

*Transcendent sacred music for voices and instruments,
by Bach, Kuhnau, Schelle and Buxtehude,*

including Bach's exquisite motet, "Jesu Meine Freude."

Tickets: \$28 / \$25 senior / \$5 student & child

Available at the door; at coffee hour; and from Ivy's Bookshop,
Munro's Books, and Long and McQuade.

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.

Diviners Walking Group: The Diviners are waking up from our winter slumber, and we are starting our Friday evening walks and meals on Friday, April 12th at 5:30 pm. For the first walk we meet at Fleming Beach parking lot at the foot of Lampson Street in Esquimalt, and will be eating at Susan Powell/ Larry Scyner's home, 1202 Highrock Avenue.

Non walkers are warmly welcomed, - but please let us know in advance if you are joining us for the food and company.

Larry and Susan



Movie Club –

Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

Next Wednesday evening, **April 10th**, Reel Thought will present the fifth and last of its Lenten screenings for 2019 in the Denson Lounge of St. John the Divine Anglican Church ([1611 Quadra Street](http://www.stjohnthedivine.org/1611-Quadra-Street)) at 7:00 p.m.:

Indian Horse (Canada, 2017, 101 mins.) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5672286/>

Follows the life of Canadian First Nations boy, Saul Indian Horse, as he survives residential school and life [amid] the racism of the 1970s. A talented hockey player, Saul must find his own path as he battles stereotypes and alcoholism. - sarahkathiresan (IMDb)

Saul Indian Horse has hit bottom. His last binge almost killed him, and now he's a reluctant resident in a treatment centre for alcoholics, surrounded by people he's sure will never understand him. But Saul wants peace, and he grudgingly comes to see that he'll find it only through telling his story. With him, [viewers] embark on a journey back through the life he's led as a northern Ojibway, with all its joys and sorrows. (Amazon)

This is a challenging film, which contains triggers for some people (survivors of institutional abuse or any abuse, for instance) and shocking events for any viewer. It is a faithful adaption of Richard Wagamese's celebrated novel of the same name, and Wagamese was involved in the film's production until his death not long before its release. It is a powerful contribution to the telling of the story of church-run residential schools and their devastating consequences. It is also a moving story in its own right, with remarkable performances, especially by the three actors who play Saul at different stages of his life.

See also:

Indian Horse (book) on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.ca/Indian-Horse-Richard-Wagamese/dp/1771621907/>

Indian Horse (movie) on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.ca/Indian-Horse-DVD-Digital-Bilingual/dp/B07CG47J7L/>

Richard Wagamese on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.ca/s?k=richard+wagamese>

Richard Wagamese in Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Wagamese

Indian Horse (book) in Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Horse

Indian Horse (movie) in Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Horse_\(film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Horse_(film))

All our 2019 Lenten movies have as their theme the experience of indigenous people.

There will be no Reel Thought screening on our usual third Wednesday in April, even though it is National Canadian Film Day, as it falls during Holy Week.

See also: <http://www.easterndoor.com/2018/02/14/re-telling-un-ceded-territorys-story-on-film/>

Palm cross making workshop, April 13th, 9:30 to 11:30 am, in the Denson Lounge. All are welcome to this morning of fellowship and coffee as we make the crosses for our Palm Sunday service.

PALM SUNDAY TAIZÉ

April 14th at 7:30pm

All are welcome to join us for this special service for Palm Sunday with meditation, contemplative reading of scripture, anointing with oil, and prayers and chants in the style of TAIZÉ.

St. Philip Anglican Church, Victoria
2928 Eastdowne Road (at the corner of Neil)

www.stphilipvictoria.ca / office@stphilipvictoria.ca

Easter Sunday Brunch, April 21st, by donation on day of Brunch

Tickets are now ready for pickup. They are available from the Front office during the week and at coffee hour after Church on Sundays. Please get them early so we know how many to accommodate.

No tickets will be available after Wednesday, April 17th.

Salmon Quiche / Green Salad

Chicken Salad Croissant / Green Salad

Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free dish available



Career Search Workshop: Learn how to identify career / work values; create / hone your resume & cover letter; network and market yourself; source & assess opportunities; become familiar with interview dynamics and manage the reference process. Facilitator of this workshop is Mel Zimmerman, a Human Resources professional with over 35 years in leadership roles. A Certified Coach, he led the Executive Search practice in two Consulting firms. He is a former instructor of a Human Resources Certificate program. The workshop will be delivered in two half day sessions from **9:00 am to Noon on Saturday, April 27th & May 4th**, hosted at St. Philip Anglican Church (2928 Eastdowne Road). Participants will be capped at 12 to ensure maximum participation. Cost is \$50. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please send a short note confirming your interest to mzimmerman@shaw.ca. Use the title, Career Search Workshop, in the subject line.

“AFRICAN DINNER” sponsored by Victoria Grandmothers for Africa in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Sat., May 4th at the DaVinci Centre, at 195 Bay St. Cost: \$65. The SLF now funds over 300 grass-roots projects to assist grandmothers and children orphaned by HIV/Aids. Larry and I will again be hosting a table. Please join us.

Susan Powell at susan7powell@gmail.com.

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.

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.***

The Blue Envelope for April is for the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine is a contemporary expression of the religious life for women within the Anglican Church of Canada. In our diocese, the sisters provide a house of prayer, hospitality and worship at St. John's House in Victoria.

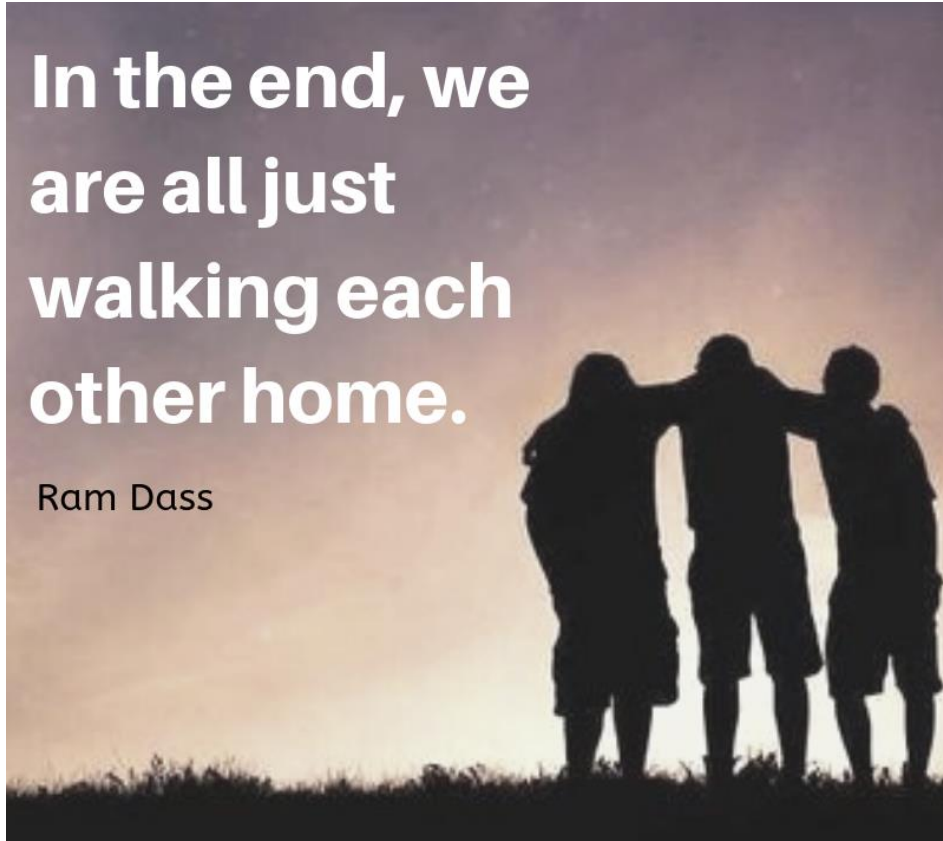
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SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

**In the end, we
are all just
walking each
other home.**

Ram Dass



With thanks to Iris Elsdon for the quote.

The Anointing at Bethany

Come close with Mary, Martha, Lazarus
So close the candles stir with their soft breath
And kindle heart and soul to flame within us
Lit by these mysteries of life and death.
For beauty now begins the final movement
In quietness and intimate encounter
The alabaster jar of precious ointment
Is broken open for the world's true lover,
The whole room richly fills to feast the senses
With all the yearning such a fragrance brings,
The heart is mourning but the spirit dances,
Here at the very centre of all things,
Here at the meeting place of love and loss
We all foresee, and see beyond the cross.

Malcolm Guite

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

We are an open and affirming church.

Palm Sunday, April 14

- 8:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms and Parish Choral Eucharist

Monday, April 15

- 7:30 pm Eucharist with Prayers of Penitence

Tuesday, April 16

- 7:30 pm Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesday, April 17

- 7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast
- 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 18

- No Meditative Eucharist
- 6:00 pm Parish Potluck
- 7:30 pm Choral Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, with washing of feet and stripping of the Altars. Followed by a short time of silent vigil.

Good Friday, April 19

- 10:00 am Good Friday Family Service
- 12 Noon-2:00 pm Silence and Meditations
- 2:00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy, with sung Passion and Meditation on the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20

- 8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter at Christ Church Cathedral

Easter Day, April 21

- 8:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist followed by Champagne Brunch

Please note that incense will be used in this service.



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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