

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Easter Day

April 21, 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 at page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Rt. Rev. Logan McMenamie

Bishop's Chaplain: The Rev. Canon Kevin Arndt

Deacon: The Rev. Patrick Sibley

Assisting Clergy: The Ven. Alastair McCollum,
The Rev. Bill Tarter

Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Logan McMenamie

Readers: Beryl Roundhill, Al Lehmann

Intercessor: Peggy Wilmot

Audio: Doug Adderley

Verger: Douwe Bosma

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

Mass Setting: *Missa Brevis*, J. Dove (b. 1961)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Bishop welcomes everyone.

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS (CP 203, 205)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

GLORIA *(Sung by the choir)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram
Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sin of the world:
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.
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

Silence is kept

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death.
Fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Common Worship: Additional collects (2004) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM *(Sung by the choir)*

Psalm 118:24

Haec es dies quam fecit Dominus.
Exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.*

Music: Jacobus Gallus (Handel) 1550-1591.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Deacon: Al - le - lu - ia. All: Al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon: I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one.
I was dead and behold I am alive for ever more..

All: Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Following the sermon there will be a pause for silence.

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISM COVENANT

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Dear friends, through the pascal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended,
let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we promised to serve God faithfully
in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The ministers sprinkle the congregation with water from the font.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for prayer.

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

SALZBURG

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

God is here.

All: The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

All: We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

All: 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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Osanna in excelsis.

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.

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.



All: A men A - men A - men.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI *(Sung by the choir)*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
who takes away 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

If ye be risen again with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on heavenly things, and not on earthly things. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Whensoever Christ, which is our life, shall show himself, then shall we also appear with him in glory.

Text: Col. 3.1-4. / Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), from *The Temple*.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL



Deacon: Go in the light and peace of Christ, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia__
All: Thanks be to God, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia__

RECESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 120)

MACCABAEUS (CP 210)

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F

Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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

An Easter Champagne Brunch will be served in the Baumann Centre/Parish Hall (By donation).

READINGS FOR APRIL 28

Acts 5:27-32 Religious authorities have no power in the face of what God has done, and is doing.

Psalms 150 A call is sounded out to praise God throughout all creation with every means available.

Revelation 1:4-8 John of Patmos wrote words of hope for those who knew that dying for their faith was a real possibility.

John 20:19-31 Here is encouragement to believe in the risen Christ.

FLOWERS

Main 1

Given in thanksgiving for Spring and all new life, and for the love of family and friends, from Michael and Carol-Ann Zenger.

Main 2

Given in memory of my sister, Mary - I smile to the sky and I think of you, from Chuck Neilson.

Lectern

Given to celebrate all our many blessings, Happy Easter everyone!, from John Bergbusch & Pauline Majcher.

LILIES – Given to the Glory of God

in memory of

All my family in heaven
Rebecca
Jean Gibson
Family and Friends
With thankfulness for friends and family
Grahame Baker, forever in our hearts.
Bill & Alice Denson, always loved and missed
Harold & Marguerite Henrikson and Tom & Betty Melville
Altaire Butler
John Hanson, troubled friend
My Parents
Family and dear friends
Charles M. MacLeod
Evelyn E.L. MacLeod
Our parents, Evelyn & Elliott Salter, and my husband, Neil Walker
Our parents and siblings
Grateful thanks for family
Gail Hartshorn
Cheryl Jane Hanson, much loved and greatly missed sister
and sister-in-law
Carole Evelyn Hardin, much loved and greatly missed mother
and mother-in-law
Joseph & Betty Richardson
Gratitude for the congregation of St. John the Divine
Love for family at Easter, especially Cairan, Hannah and Alice
Ian Hay
Hélène
My parents, Daphne Celia Small & Peter and Jeanette Small
To celebrate all our many blessings, Happy Easter everyone!
My parents, John & Doris
My parents, Nan & Ramsay
Our Family
With thankfulness for many blessings received, and
in memory of loved ones
My dear husband Peter who died two years ago,
gone but never forgotten
May Brown, my Mother's best friend, and Neil Gray, my godfather,
who gave me unconditional love and support throughout
their long and productive lives.
With thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren.
Thankfulness for wonderful friends

from

Louise Langman
The Zenger/Peterson Family
The Zenger/Peterson Family
The Zenger/Peterson Family
Judith Branion
Heather, Mark, Kathryn, Sarah & families
The Baker Family
Bruce & Gerry Melville
Her Parents
Ted & Vorna Butler
Elizabeth McAuley
Elizabeth McAuley
Robin MacLeod
Robin MacLeod
Margaret Walker
John & Jean Sylwester
Susan Mugridge
Kit Pearson & Katherine Farris
Mark Hanson & Daryl Hardin

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Iris Elsdon
Bill Williamson
Patrick & Muriel
Anne Hay
The Nadeau/Swinton Family
Catherine
John Bergbusch & Pauline Majcher
Diane Erickson
Graeme Brown
David & Joan McKay
Douwe & Jessie Bosma

His dear family –
Michael, Cathy, John and Sylvia Balogh
Judy McCallum & Michael Penny

Marilyn Moody
Marilyn Moody

in memory of loved ones from

Sylvia Calder
The Harpers

Enid Luneburg
Judy Tethong

Office Hours for the week of April 21

Closed for Easter – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Open 9am – 12 Noon Thursday and Friday

Please ensure that any announcements to be read or requests to speak on Sunday morning are received in the office by Friday noon.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:30 am Easter Champagne Brunch

Hall

2:00 pm PFLAG

Denson Lounge

Easter Monday 22

The Office is Closed.

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters

Denson Lounge

4:00 pm Living Presence Meditation

Denson Lounge

Tuesday 23

The Office is Closed.

Wednesday 24

No Service this week.

The Office is Closed.

Thursday 25

10:30 am Social Justice and Action Group meeting

Denson Lounge

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist

Church

Friday 26

6:00 pm Prayer and Music in the Style of Taizé

Church

Sunday 28

8:00 am Holy Communion

Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Church

11:30 am Special Coffee Hour honouring Kit Pearson

Hall



EVENTS



Forum: Racism, Hate Crimes and Islamophobia

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Pacific Opera Victoria (St. John's Parish Hall) – 925 Balmoral Road

Join with community members for a day of engaging speakers, panel presentations, theatre and community dialogue activities. Foster awareness and stimulate ideas about how our community can combat hate crimes, racism and Islamophobia.

No Cost / Lunch provided / Limited Seating

Day #2 – Protocol Development

Taking Action Against Racism and Hate Crimes

Thursday, April 25, 8:30-11:30 am

ICA – 930 Balmoral Road, Room #200

Working with the local Organizing Against Hate and Racism (OARH) committee, invited key stakeholder organizations and community representatives will support development of the OARH anti-racism protocol. Goal of the protocol is to ensure effective and coordinated regional responses to hate crimes.

For information email: sbaileys@icavictoria.org

Silence, repetitive chants, prayers that bring reflection and pause in our busy days. Please join us at St. John the Divine Anglican for the next three months for **Prayer and Music in the Style of Taizé** services. Fridays, April 26th, May 24th, and June 21st, 6-7 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm and anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome at 5:30 for a brief practice.



Celebrating Children's Author:

Parents, grandparents, godparents and friends are encouraged to bring the children in their lives to church on April 28th as we celebrate parishioner **Kit Pearson's Order of Canada**.

Kit will accept the honour officially in May in Ottawa so we are sending her off with a party. She and her partner, Katherine Farris, will read from *The Magic Boat*, their new book for pre-schoolers, and Kit will offer a selection from her teen novel, *Be My Love*. They will talk briefly and then sell and sign books, which will be available for cash or cheque.

All are welcome to join them after church in the Parish Hall for refreshments.

St. John's is honoured to have four Order of Canada honourees as Kit joins **Ted and Helen Hughes** and **Judy Tethong**.

The Faith In Justice Series

presents "Trans 101" - an exploration of gender identity
by Dr. Aaron Devor, Chair in Transgender Studies at U Vic
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Wednesday, May 1 - in St. John's Church.

Dr. Devor is an award winning pioneer in research on transgender issues, the author of important books and articles in the field, the founder and director of the largest Transgender Archives in the world, and the organizer of the international conference series, *Moving Trans History Forward*. He is a senior member of the International Academy of Sex Research and a fellow of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

Donations to the Chair of Transgender Studies welcome.

Guess
WHO'S
coming
to Dinner

Save your Friday, May 10th at 6:00 pm for our next **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER**. This is an event where people can choose to have people come to their homes or be a guest. Neither the hosts nor guests know who will be their dinner party companions, Wendy Suddaby will make up the guest lists. All previous participants have raved about how much fun they had and how great it was to meet new people... even a few timid folk were glad they'd made the leap. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the Sign Up Sheet at the Garden Door. If you

would like more information, or have dietary restrictions, feel free to contact Wendy at wendysuddaby@hotmail.com for details.

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 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.

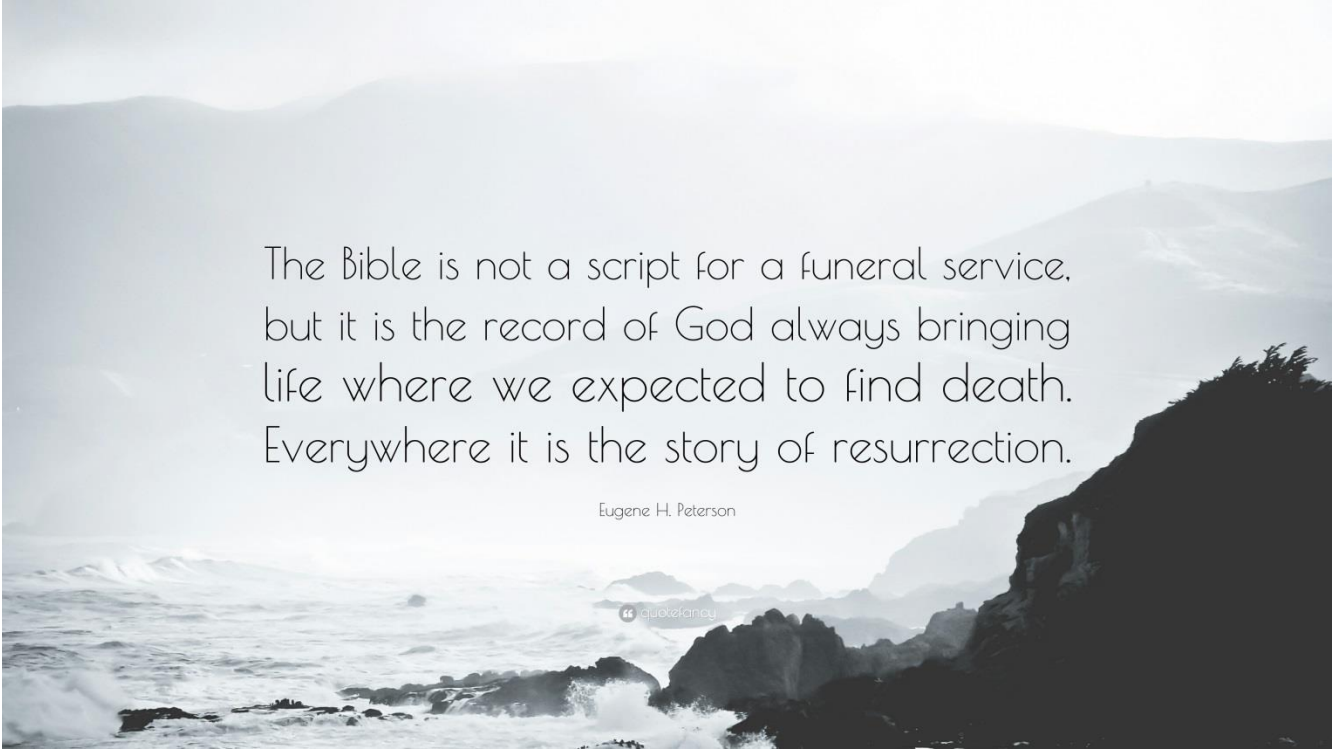
Tel: 250 920 7787 Email: bchouse@ssjd.ca Website: <http://www.ssjd.ca>

The **Parish Council is looking for a minute taker.** If interested please speak to the Rector or one of the Wardens. Parish Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month for approximately 1-1/2 hours.



SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



The Bible is not a script for a funeral service,
but it is the record of God always bringing
life where we expected to find death.
Everywhere it is the story of resurrection.

Eugene H. Peterson

“quotezansu”

Easter Sunday, 1985

*To take steps toward the reappearance alive of the disappeared is a subversive act,
and measures will be adopted to deal with it.*

—General Oscar Mejia Victores, President of Guatemala

In the Palace of the President this morning,
The General is gripped by the suspicion
That those who were disappeared will be returning
In a subversive act of resurrection.

Why do you worry? The disappeared can never
Be brought back from wherever they were taken;
The age of miracles is gone forever;
These are not sleeping, nor will they awaken.

And if some tell you Christ once reappeared
Alive, one Easter morning, that he was seen—
Give them the lie, for who today can find him?

He is perhaps with those who were disappeared,
Broken and killed, flung into some ravine
With his arms safely wired up behind him.

-Charles Martin

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